

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 24, 2021
WEDNESDAY - 9:00 A.M.
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Chair BJ Hoffman called the meeting to order. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. Also present were Supervisors René McClellan and Lance Granzow; and Michael Pearce, Taylor Roll, Thomas Craighton, Jolene Pieters, and Angela Silvey. Attending via Zoom: Justin Ites, Tifani Eisentrager, Pauline Lloyd, Mark Buschkamp, JD Holmes, Abby Flatness, Angela De La Riva, Julie Duhn, Donna Juber, Shane Glinski, Dave McDaniel, Laura Cunningham, Machel Eichmeier, Darrell Meyer, Jessica Sheridan, Cheryl Lawrence, Elaine Loring, Megan Harrell, and Lori Kadner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the agenda with the following items stricken: Headwaters of the South Skunk River WMA 28E Agreement and Application for Liquor License – Crazy Acres Old Goat Barn Bar & Grill. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the minutes of February 9, 2021; February 12, 2021; and February 17, 2021. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the February 24, 2021 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Update:

Thomas Craighton, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported a busy week, including fires and a gas leak. Craighton is also planning for potential spring flooding and ice jams in Iowa Falls.

Public Health Update:

Craighton reported on COVID-19 vaccine administration.

Utility Permits: None.

Secondary Roads:

County Engineer Taylor Roll advised Union Pacific Railroad will be repairing the bridge over Highway 175 that was hit last year. Repair time frame is to be announced.

Public Comments:

Donna Juber posed questions to Angela Silvey, Election Deputy, about the absentee ballot request forms sent from and received by the Auditor's Office during the 2020 General Election. Juber then challenged the Supervisors, County Attorney, and Auditor to issue a statement defending County employees against accusations of voter fraud made by State Sen. Annette Sweeney.

Julie Duhn and Pauline Lloyd also commented on Sweeney's accusations.

In addition, Duhn requested an update on legal proceedings against Julie Towne.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to amend the motion setting the public hearing on the FY 2022 maximum property tax levy, changing the date from March 3, 2021 to March 10, 2021, and time to 9:02 a.m., in the Large Conference Room and via Zoom. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the contribution of \$5,000 for snow guard at the EOC Building. They money will come from Property Manager Jody Mesch's budget. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the hiring of Jensyn Hall, part-time Correctional Officer, at a rate of \$16.48/hour, effective 02/16/2021. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Hoffman encouraged voters to vote in the Iowa Falls school bond election on March 2, 2021.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

/s/ BJ Hoffman
BJ Hoffman, Chair
Board of Supervisors

/s/ Jolene Pieters
Jolene Pieters
Hardin County Auditor