

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – JUNE 23, 2021
WEDNESDAY - 9:00 A.M.
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Chair BJ Hoffman called the meeting to order. Also present were Supervisors Reneé McClellan and Lance Granzow; and Michael Pearce, Lori Kadner, Thomas Craighton, Taylor Roll, Darrell Meyer, Lee Gallentine, and Angela Silvey. Attending via Zoom: Carey Callaway, JD Holmes, Justin Ites, Dave McDaniel, Cheryl Lawrence, Elaine Loring, Julie Duhn, Lisa Lawler, Curt Groen, Rocky Reents, Jessica Sheridan, Tifani Eisentrager, Megan Harrell, Pauline Lloyd, and Laura Cunningham.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the minutes of June 16, 2021 and June 21, 2021. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the June 23, 2021 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Update:

Emergency Management Coordinator Thomas Craighton advised a text message that went out to Hardin County Alerts subscribers was legitimate.

Utility Permits: None.

Secondary Roads:

County Engineer Taylor Roll updated the Board on paving and bridge projects. In addition, Roll and Hoffman reminded the public that Iowa Code prohibits the mowing and baling of roadside vegetation prior to July 15.

Public Comments:

Julie Duhn requested to be able to comment during a discussion appearing later on the agenda.

Questions and comments were received from Pauline Lloyd.

Discussion was held on return of in-person public attendance at meetings. Craighton recommended implementing a badge system, administered by Security, which would allow 17 people in the Large Conference Room, the maximum occupancy allowed per fire safety guidelines. Duhn and Lloyd provided input. It was decided that Craighton will reevaluate meeting room space, and the Board will act on new in-person attendance guidelines at its June 30, 2021 meeting.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the application for fireworks permit submitted by Gehrke's Lake and Campground, for July 3, 2021, at 19747 205th Street, Iowa Falls. Hoffman noted that if the county is under a burn ban on the date of the fireworks display, the permit is void. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the Timbers Edge Wedding & Event Center Liquor License Application for Class C Liquor, for a term of 12 months, effective 06/20/2021. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the renewal with Heartland Insurance Risk Pool. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the updated Emergency Mode of Operations Plan for Community Services. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the engagement letter with Bowman & Miller, P.C. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on appropriations for FY 2021/2022. Granzow suggested appropriating 100% of budgets to offices/departments that require full appropriation amounts by statute, and 75% of budgets to all other offices/departments. Neither McClellan nor Hoffman offered differing opinions. Granzow will inform Auditor Jolene Pieters.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the pay increase of Renee Springston, part-time Attorney's Office staff, to \$15.50/hour, effective 07/01/2021. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the pay increase of Christopher Klein, Assistant County Attorney, to \$74,000/year, effective 07/01/2021. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the pay increase of Carol Fletcher, Attorney's Office Manager, to \$42,280/year, effective 07/01/2021. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the pay increase of Cliff Cory, Paralegal, to \$46,148/year, effective 07/01/2021. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the hiring of Justin Goedken, Roadside Vegetation Specialist, at a rate of \$21.00/hour, effective 07/12/2021. Goedken is eligible for \$0.25/hour raise after completing a 6-month probationary period. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the demotion requested by Jason Fults, from full-time Jail Sergeant to full-time Correctional Officer, at a rate of \$20.52/hour, effective 06/15/2021. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the resignation of Scott Bright, part-time Correctional Officer, effective 06/21/2021. Motion carried.

Other Business: None.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 10:33 a.m. Chair Hoffman reconvened the meeting. Also present were Supervisors McClellan and Granzow; and Darrell Meyer, Wes Wiese, Kirk Rice, Trent Lambert, Al Kadolph, and Angela Silvey. Attendees via Zoom: None.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) to discuss real estate matters. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" McClellan, Granzow, and Hoffman. "Nays" None. The Board entered closed session at 10:33 a.m.

Following discussion, McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to return to open session. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" McClellan, Granzow, and Hoffman. "Nays" None. Motion carried. Closed session ended at 11:27 p.m.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

/s/ Jolene Pieters
Jolene Pieters
Hardin County Auditor

Chat Log from 6/23/2021

09:10:56 From Jessica Sheridan to Everyone : Audio is cutting out.
09:11:08 From Jessica Sheridan to Everyone : Better now.
09:11:56 From Carey Callaway to Everyone : With the new sound proofing at the EOC, would it be possible to move these meetings over there?
09:12:19 From Dave McDaniel to Everyone : No
09:12:49 From Carey Callaway to Everyone : Thanks, Dave!
09:13:26 From Dave McDaniel to Everyone : You bet
09:14:02 From Lisa Lawler to Everyone : Hardin County is only 43% fully vaccinated. There is a more deadly variant currently circulating. I hope there will be a Zoom option if you go to in person.
09:23:17 From Carey Callaway to Everyone : We're more than happy to implement a badge system for public attendance.
09:24:33 From Carey Callaway to Everyone : However, I would like the public to understand that when someone enters the courthouse - they will be politely asked where their business (what department, meeting, etc)
09:24:45 From Carey Callaway to Everyone : is
09:26:18 From Julie Duhn to Everyone : I do have a further comment. Please unmute.
09:28:31 From Dave McDaniel to Everyone : I think the only thing they care about is where you're going. Nothing more
09:33:27 From Carey Callaway to Everyone : You are correct, Dave. We do not ask what an individual is doing while on site - only what department they're visiting.
09:37:19 From Dave McDaniel to Everyone : Ok that's what I thought thank you