

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES – MARCH 10, 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, Thomas Craighton, Taylor Roll, Jolene Pieters, Darrell Meyer, Justin Jensen, Lori Kadner, and Angela Silvey. Attending via Zoom: Pauline Lloyd, Tifani Eisentrager, Justin Ites, Lisa Lawler, Lori Kadner, Rocky Reents, Connie Mesch, JD Holmes, Curt Groen, Elaine Loring, Machel Eichmeier, Abby Flatness, Angela De La Riva, Shane Glinski, Donna Juber, Cheryl Lawrence, Allison Scott, Megan Harrell, Julie Duhn, and Mark Buschkamp.

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 March 10, 2021 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Update:

Thomas Craighton, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported on the snow guard project at the EOC building, Alert Iowa sign-up efforts, and the City of Union's FEMA claim.

Public Health Update:

Rocky Reents, Public Health Coordinator, reported on COVID-19 case data and vaccine administration.

Utility Permits: None.

Secondary Roads:

County Engineer Taylor Roll reported he will be attending a preconstruction meeting with the Iowa DOT regarding paving Highway 65 from Hubbard to Highway 30. In addition, Roll received a second agreement for design work on the Alden bridge showing costs higher than anticipated. Roll will ensure the City approves of the costs before the County signs the agreement.

Public Comments:

Donna Juber asked if the Supervisors and county attorney would defend County employees against allegations of election fraud after the county auditor and State found no evidence of election fraud.

Julie Duhn commented on the activity on the Hardin County Courthouse (Iowa) Facebook page.

Questions were received from Pauline Lloyd.

Justin Jensen, regional director for Sen. Joni Ernst, introduced himself.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to amend his motion setting the public hearing on the FY 2022 maximum property tax levy, changing the date and time from March 10, 2021 at 9:02 a.m. to March 19, 2021 at 8:15 a.m., in the Large Conference Room or via Zoom. Motion carried.

At 9:18 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on the proposed authorization of a loan agreement and issuance of not to exceed \$17,000,000 General Obligation Urban Renewal Refunding Capital Loan Notes of the County for essential county purposes.

Publication of notice of hearing was verified.

No written or oral objections were received.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded that the following Resolution No. 2021-12, Resolution Instituting Proceedings to Take Additional Action for the Authorization of a Loan Agreement and the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$17,000,000 General Obligation Urban Renewal Refunding Capital Loan Notes, be adopted. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” McClellan, Granzow, and Hoffman. “Nays” None. Resolution No. 2021-12 is hereby adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12

RESOLUTION INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE  
ADDITIONAL ACTION FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF A  
LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO  
EXCEED \$17,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION URBAN  
RENEWAL REFUNDING CAPITAL LOAN NOTES

WHEREAS, pursuant to notice published as required by law, the Board of Supervisors has held a public meeting and hearing upon the proposal to institute proceedings for the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$17,000,000 General Obligation Urban Renewal Refunding Capital Loan Notes, for essential county purposes, in order to provide funds to pay the costs of the settlement, adjustment, renewing, or extension of any part or all of the legal indebtedness of the County including refunding of the General Obligation Urban Renewal Bonds, Series 2012, dated October 11, 2012, and has considered the extent of objections received from residents or property owners as to the proposed issuance of Notes; and following action is now considered to be in the best interests of the County and residents thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF HARDIN COUNTY,  
STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That this Board does hereby institute proceedings and take additional action for the authorization and issuance in the manner required by law of not to exceed \$17,000,000 General Obligation Urban Renewal Refunding Capital Loan Notes, for the foregoing essential county purposes.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of March, 2021.

/s/ BJ Hoffman  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/ Jolene Pieters  
County Auditor

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the UMB engagement agreement and disclosures. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the Joint Application Form for the Iowa River Trail. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the Auditor’s Monthly Report for February 2021. Motion carried.

Other Business: None.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 10:45 a.m. the Board met to discuss matters presently in litigation. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. In attendance: Supervisors Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow; and Michael Pearce and Angela Silvey. Attorney Carl Salmons joined via telephone.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to go into closed session under Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c). Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Granzow, McClellan, and Hoffman. “Nays” None. Motion carried. The Board entered closed session at 10:49 a.m.

Following discussion, McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to exit closed session. “Ayes” McClellan, Granzow, and Hoffman. “Nays” None. Motion carried. Closed session ended at 11:02 a.m.

Donna Juber joined the meeting via Zoom.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to give Carl Salmons permission to file an interlocutory appeal in the McVey case. Motion carried.

At 11:03 a.m. Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 1:00 p.m. the Board met for a hospital bond refinancing work session. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. In attendance: Supervisors Hoffman, Granzow, and McClellan; and Michael Pearce, Machel Eichmeier, Jolene Pieters, and Angela Silvey. Attending via telephone: Darrell Meyer, Kristin Cooper, Tim Oswald, and Scott Crist.

Kristin Cooper, Ahlers & Cooney PC, cautioned the meeting about to take place would contain discussion about sensitive information. County Attorney Darrell Meyer recommended the Board adjourn and two of its members leave, and then a conversation could take place that would not be considered a public meeting.

At 1:07 p.m. Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 1:46 p.m. Vice-chair McClellan called to order the meeting with Iowa Falls economic development representatives. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. Present: Supervisors McClellan and Granzow; and Mark Buschkamp, Steve Howard, Roger Nissly, Michael Pearce, Dan Stockdale, Angela De La Riva, and Angela Silvey. Attending via Zoom: Aaron Budweg. Supervisor Hoffman was absent.

Discussion was held on Iowa Falls Area Development Corporation’s FY 2021/2022 funding request versus the amount the County budgeted. It was asked if IFADC could have both a budgeted amount and come to the County with special funding requests. Granzow replied yes.

Also discussed was IFADC’s and Hardin County Economic Development’s boundary lines and working together on projects when necessary.

At 2:17 p.m. Jolene Pieters joined the meeting.

Discussion turned to improving communication between IFADC and the Board of Supervisors. Granzow suggested IFADC come to Board meetings monthly and give a presentation. Granzow also suggested Hansen Family Hospital’s board do the same but on a quarterly basis.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

/s/ Reneé McClellan  
Reneé McClellan, Vice-chair  
Board of Supervisors

/s/ Jolene Pieters  
Jolene Pieters  
Hardin County Auditor

