

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – MARCH 31, 2021
WEDNESDAY - 9:00 A.M.
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Vice-chair Reneé McClellan called the meeting to order. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. Also present were Supervisor Lance Granzow; and Thomas Craighton, Taylor Roll, Joe Donald, Jessica Sheridan, Jolene Pieters, Machel Eichmeier, Darrell Meyer, and Angela Silvey. Attending via Zoom: Matt Jones, Matt Rezab, Pauline Lloyd, Dave McDaniel, Breanne Butler, Laura Cunningham, Wes Wiese, Mark Buschkamp, Donna Juber, Julie Duhn, Megan Harrell, Elaine Loring, Abby Flatness, Shane Glinkski, JD Holmes, Linn Adams, and Lori Kadner. Supervisor BJ Hoffman was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the minutes of March 10, 2021. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the March 31, 2021 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Update:

Thomas Craighton, Emergency Management Coordinator, advised preparations are underway for RAGBRAI and Iowa Ride. Also, COVID-19 vaccination clinics will be changing from walk-in to drive-thru.

Public Health Update:

Megan Harrell, Greenbelt Home Care/Public Health Administrator, reported on COVID-19 case data and vaccine administration.

Utility Permits:

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve Utility Permit No. UT-003, submitted by Heart of Iowa Communications Cooperative. Motion carried. Utility Permit No. UT-003 is on file in the Engineer's Office.

Secondary Roads:

County Engineer Taylor Roll updated the Board on a DOT project to close State Highway 175, which had been delayed, and construction progress on the S-27 bridge.

Public Comments:

Donna Juber commented on State Sen. Sweeney's allegations and rising above party politics.

Julie Duhn expressed concerns about vigilantism.

Pauline Lloyd had questions on revenue shortfalls should the jail stop accepting ICE detainees.

Breanne Butler suggested the Board lift the appointment requirement for entering County buildings. Butler also commented on other commenters subjecting the Supervisors to harassment.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the Final Plans for Project No. L-C042(9040)—73-42, Bridge 9040, X Avenue over Pine Creek. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve a request from Gehrke Inc. to enter County Home ground for tiling purposes. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve 2020 Family Farm Tax Credit Applications from the following claimants, as recommended by the Assessor's Office: Lance and Kelsey Barhite, Breeze Hill Farm LLC, Andrea F. Brown and Linda Diane Nelson, John C. Heiden Trust and John C. Heiden, Kent Kiburz, Daniel G. Nelson and Linda Diane Nelson, and William Lee Trampe. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to table the Application for Membership to the Iowa River Valley Early Childhood Area Board until April 7, 2021. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the IGHCP insurance renewal, with a Blue Choice/Blue RX Complete rate increase of 4.88%, effective 07/01/2021. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the hiring of Heath Hansen, full-time Secondary Roads Truck Driver, at a rate of \$21.50/hour, effective 04/07/2021. Hansen is eligible for a 25-cent raise after completing a six-month probationary period. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on timeline for a FY 2020/2021 budget amendment, and the following action was taken:

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to set the hearing on the FY 2020/2021 budget amendment for May 5, 2021, at 9:05 a.m. in the Courthouse Large Conference Room. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Granzow surveyed department heads in attendance about lifting the appointment requirement for entering the Courthouse. No action was taken.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 11:55 a.m. the Board met to discuss pending litigation. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. In attendance: Supervisors McClellan and Granzow; and Jessica Sheridan, Angela De La Riva, Darrell Meyer, Machel Eichmeier, and Angela Silvey. Supervisor BJ Hoffman was absent.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c). Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Granzow and McClellan. "Nays" None. Motion carried. The Board entered closed session at 11:55 a.m.

Following discussion, Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to exit closed session. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Granzow and McClellan. "Nays" None. Motion carried. Closed session ended at 12:46 p.m.

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

Chat Log from 3/31/2021

09:14:06 From Dave McDaniel to Everyone : I'm still having mic issues
09:14:28 From Dave McDaniel to Everyone : We are still having discussions with ICE, and we are housing for other counties as well
09:14:53 From Julie Duhn to Everyone : End the contract with ICE.
09:15:52 From Julie Duhn to Everyone : The contract with ICE is not good for the county.
09:17:04 From Julie Duhn to Everyone : Recovery rate does not mean no longterm consequences.
09:17:09 From Dave McDaniel to Everyone : We're in discussions
09:18:34 From Breanne Butler to Everyone : Long term consequences are with ANY disease you recover from.
09:22:34 From Wes Wiese to Everyone : Yes conservation has some