

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – OCTOBER 20, 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 Taylor Roll, Angela De La Riva, Darrell Meyer, Thomas Craighton, Michael Pearce, Jolene Pieters, Machel Eichmeier, and Angela Silvey. Attending via Zoom: Rocky Reents, Wes Wiese, Matt Rezab, Lori Kadner, Julie Duhn, Elaine Loring, Lisa Lawler, and Donna Juber.

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 October 14, 2021 and October 20, 2021 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Utility Permits: None.

Secondary Roads:

Engineer Taylor Roll provided an update on Iowa River's Edge Trail and bridge projects.

Bids were opened for the lease of 8.5 acres of county agricultural land. The following two bids were received:

Pete Emerson:	\$12.12/acre
Mitchell Mosch:	\$100/acre

Bids were opened for the lease of 151.5 acres of county agricultural land. The following three bids were received:

Courtney Nederhoff:	\$330/acre
Todd Kjormoe:	\$295.05/acre
Faris Custom LLC:	\$305/acre

All five bidders will be contacted by Hoffman with the top bid amount and given the opportunity to raise their bids at a meeting scheduled at noon.

Following a request for funds from Economic Development Director Angela De La Riva, McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve a transfer of \$25,000 from LOST funds to a separate line item for engineering/legal fees associated with Project Tom. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the appointments of Jeremiah Andrews and Robert Harms to the Compensation Board as Supervisors' representatives. These are four-year terms commencing July 1, 2021. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the appointments of Dave Sweeney and Justin Weber to the Compensation Board as Auditor's and Sheriff's representatives, respectively. These are four-year terms commencing July 1, 2021. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the hiring of Alissa Aronson, full-time Dispatcher, at a rate of \$19.90/hour, effective 11/02/2021. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the hiring of Tyler Swenson, Deputy Sheriff, at a rate of \$26.51/hour, effective 10/21/2021. Swenson must obtain residence in Hardin County within six months of date of hire. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the hiring of Emma Inks, part-time Dispatcher, at a rate of \$18.78/hour, effective 10/17/2021. Motion carried.

Other Business: None.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 10:30 a.m. the Board met for the employee performance review of Jody Mesch, Property Manager. Present: Supervisors Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow; and Mesch and Lori Kadner.

At the request of Mesch, McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. “Nays” None. Motion carried. The Board entered closed session at 10:30 a.m.

Following discussion, Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to return to open session. Motion carried. Closed session ended at 10:50 a.m. and the meeting was recessed.

At 12:00 p.m. the meeting reconvened for the purpose of county agricultural land bidding. Present: Supervisors Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow; and Wes Wiese, Thomas Craighton, Mitchell Mosch, Wes Faris, Courtney Nederhoff, and Todd Kjormoe.

By default Mitchell Mosch won the bid for the 8.25-acre parcel of hay ground with a bid of \$100/acre.

Courtney Nederhoff, Todd Kjormoe, and Wes Faris were given the opportunity to raise their initial bids. Nederhoff won the bid for the 151.5 acres of farm ground with a bid of \$390/acre.

Hoffman will provide the winning bidders’ contact information to County Attorney Darrell Meyer for preparation of the leases.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 12:25 p.m. the Board met for the employee performance review of Angela De La Riva, Economic Development Director. Present: Supervisors Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow; and De La Riva and Lori Kadner.

At the request of De La Riva, McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. “Nays” None. Motion carried. The Board entered closed session at 12:25 p.m.

Following discussion, Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to exit closed session. Motion carried. Closed session ended at 1:15 p.m.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to recess. Motion carried.

At 1:33 p.m. the Board met for the employee performance review of Matt Jones, IT Director. Present: Supervisors Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow; and Jones and Lori Kadner.

At the request of Jones, McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Granzow, McClellan, and Hoffman. “Nays” None. Motion carried. The Board entered closed session at 1:33 p.m.

Following discussion, McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to exit closed session. Motion carried. Closed session ended at 2:09 p.m.

Granzow moved, Hoffman 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 10/20/2021

- 09:07:59 From Lisa Lawler to Everyone:
What is Project Tom?
- 09:08:34 From Lisa Lawler to Everyone:
are there proposals from engineering firms for the fee request?
- 09:09:21 From Julie Duhn to Everyone:
um, no. She can tell everyone.
- 09:09:22 From Lisa Lawler to Everyone:
email is good - lisalawler2010@yahoo.com
- 09:09:24 From Lisa Lawler to Everyone:
thank you!
- 09:10:11 From Julie Duhn to Everyone:
BJ's way of withholding knowledge from citizens.
- 09:12:26 From Julie Duhn to Everyone:
Public comment needs to come back.
- 09:12:54 From Julie Duhn to Everyone:
Sorry, not disappointed, not surprised.
- 09:13:20 From Julie Duhn to Everyone:
Expected excuse.