

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – OCTOBER 27, 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, Carey Callaway Morton, Thomas Craighton, Michael Pearce, Jolene Pieters, Mark Buschkamp, Machel Eichmeier, Darrell Meyer, Dave McDaniel, and Angela Silvey. Attending via Zoom: JD Holmes, Allison Munro, Curt Groen, Elaine Loring, Cheryl Lawrence, Julie Duhn, Angela De La Riva, Kristi Swalve, Donna Juber, Tifani Eisentrager, and Jamie Geisler.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the October 27, 2021 claims for payment. Motion carried.

IFADC Update:

Mark Buschkamp, Executive Director, reported on business prospects, development projects, grants sought, and other IFADC activities.

Utility Permits: None.

Secondary Roads:

A departmental update was provided by Taylor Roll. No action was necessary; informational only.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the bridge inspection and rating program for 2022 and 2023 with Calhoun-Burns & Associates. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the Application for Use of Courthouse Grounds submitted by the Eldora Public Library for a Story Walk slated for November 23-30, 2021. Motion carried.

WHEREUPON Board Member Granzow moved that the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION 2021-44
COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF ELECTION BOARDS

WHEREAS, Iowa Code §49.20 authorizes the county board of supervisors to establish the compensation of members of election boards, and

WHEREAS, the Hardin County Board of Supervisors has not reviewed or otherwise considered the compensation paid to members of election boards in several years, and

WHEREAS, changes in Iowa's elections laws since 2016 have required members of the election boards to adapt to new election laws and technologies, and an ever-increasing focus on procedures and security create additional challenges with finding new members, and

WHEREAS, it is vital to the Hardin County elections process to build and maintain a strong pool of election board members, and an increase in compensation would certainly help with the recruitment of new members, as well as the retention of those who have faithfully served over the years;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hardin County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes that, effective November 2, 2021, the hourly compensation of election board members shall be \$10.00 per hour, with an additional \$1.00 per hour if the member serves as co/chair of a precinct on election day.

The motion was seconded by Board Member McClellan and after due Consideration thereof, the roll was called and the following Board Members voted:

AYES: Granzow, McClellan, and Hoffman
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Whereupon, the Chair of the Board of Supervisors declared said Resolution duly passed and adopted this 27th day of October, 2021.

ATTEST:

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

/s/ Jolene Pieters
Jolene Pieters
Hardin County Auditor

Following a discussion on federal, state and county mileage rates, Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve raising the county mileage reimbursement rate to \$0.50/mile. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Granzow, McClellan, and Hoffman. “Nays” None. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the hiring of Eric Eugenio, part-time Correctional Officer, at a rate of \$18.90/hour, effective 11/06/2021. Motion carried.

Other Business: None.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 10:35 a.m. the Board met for the employee performance review of Taylor Roll, County Engineer. Present: Supervisors Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow; and Roll.

At the request of Roll, McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” McClellan, Granzow, and Hoffman. “Nays” None. Motion carried. The Board entered closed session at 10:35 a.m.

Following discussion, McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to exit closed session. Motion carried. Closed session ended at 10:58 a.m.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to recess. Motion carried.

At 11:28 a.m. the Board met for the employee performance review of Jessica Sheridan, Environmental Health Director/Sanitarian and Zoning Administrator. Present: Supervisors Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow; and Sheridan.

Sheridan requested 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 11:28 a.m.

Following discussion, Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to exit closed session. Motion carried. Closed session ended at 12:04 p.m.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 1:00 p.m. the Board met for a budget amendment and American Rescue Plan work session. Present: Supervisors Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow; and Wes Wiese, Thomas Craighton, Dave McDaniel, Taylor Roll, Michael Pearce, Matt Jones, Jody Mesch, Machel Eichmeier, Jessica Sheridan, and Jolene Pieters.

Budget information and worksheets were handed out to department heads. It was noted that budget amendments and remaining appropriations for FY 2021/2022 will take place in December.

Discussion turned to ARPA funds, \$3.2 million of which is earmarked for Hardin County. Items proposed and discussed for utilization of ARPA funds include:

- Economic Development Project(s)
- Jail Revenue Loss
- Greenbelt Home Care Revenue Loss
- Conservation's Steamboat Rock Sewer Project
- Air Scrubbers/UV Light Sterilizers
- New Phone System Reimbursement
- Network Infrastructure
- Recorder's Office Book Scanning
- Hands-free Bathrooms
- Improved ADA Accessibility to Bathrooms
- Air Purifying System
- Conference Room Remodel
- Utilities for Senior Meal Sites
- County Revenue Loss

It was determined that priority will be given to reimbursing the Information Technology Department for cost of a new phone system and to IT-related network infrastructure expenses.

Treasurer Machel Eichmeier left the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

At 2:12 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 10/27/2021

09:08:11 From Donna Juber to Everyone:
Good job, Mark

09:09:39 From Donna Juber to Everyone:
Is that per bridge or total?

09:13:55 From Julie Duhn to Everyone:
How much has BJ been reimbursed for mileage so far this year? BJ's total
mileage reimbursement since Jan 2017?