

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 1, 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 Darrell Meyer, Michael Pearce, Marty Wymore, Jolene Pieters, Taylor Roll, Nancy Callaway, Pauline Lloyd, Mark Buschkamp, Machel Eichmeier, and Angela Silvey. Attending via Zoom: Becca Junker, Lori Kadner, JD Holmes, Matt Rezab, Connie Mesch, Elaine Loring, Tifani Eisentrager, Cheryl Lawrence, Rocky Reents, Carey Callaway, Angela De La Riva, Lisa Lawler, Kristi Swalve, Julie Duhn, Laura Cunningham, and Allison Munro.

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 August 16, 2021; August 18, 2021; August 19, 2021; and August 23, 2021. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the August 20, 2021 and September 1, 2021 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Utility Permits: None.

Secondary Roads:

County Engineer Taylor Roll updated the Board on bridge projects and reported that two Secondary Roads employees will be retiring.

IFADC Update:

Mark Buschkamp, IFADC Executive Director, reported on business leads, developments, and visits; a Laborshed study to be conducted; and the state of labor and housing in the area.

Marty Wymore, Region 6 Executive Director, spoke about the Region 6 Housing Trust Fund, projects, and challenges, and the following action was taken:

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded that Resolution No. 2021-36, a Resolution to Approve the Region 6 Housing Trust Fund Hardin County Cash Contribution, be adopted. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” McClellan, Granzow, and Hoffman. “Nays” None. Resolution No. 2021-36 is hereby adopted as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-36**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REGION 6 HOUSING TRUST FUND  
HARDIN COUNTY CASH CONTRIBUTION**

Whereas the Region 6 Housing Trust Fund can annually apply for approximately \$337,295 of Iowa Finance Authority State Housing Trust Funds if the trust fund secures \$64,087 of local contributions, and

Whereas the per capita state share for Hardin County is \$62,332 if \$11,843 of local assistance is secured, and

Whereas the housing trust fund continues to seek applications for owner occupied housing improvements across the region which will be prioritized based upon housing needs, and

Whereas all the applicants must have annual incomes under 80% of the county median as determined by HUD.

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

Section 1: Hardin County will provide \$11,843 of cash assistance in FY 2021/2022.

Approved this 1st day of September, 2021.

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

Attest:

/s/ Jolene Pieters  
Jolene Pieters  
Hardin County Auditor

Where upon Board Member Granzow moved that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-37**

**RESOLUTION TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF LETTING FOR LEASE OF  
AGRICULTURAL LAND**

**WHEREAS**, the County has given notice of termination of the existing leases for the following agricultural land totaling approximately 151.5 acres, more or less, in two tracts, described as follows:

All of the E ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 26, Township 88, Range 20 South of the Railroad; All of the W ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 26, Township 88, Range 20 South of the Railroad, except Parcel A located in the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ and the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ as found in survey recorded as year 2000, document 1300 in the office of the Hardin County Recorder. The garden tract, the cemetery, the building site, the wildlife area enclosed by multiflora hedge, communications tower, wetland area and the seepage bed are excluded.

And

The NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 29, Township 88 North, Range 19 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Hardin County, Iowa.

**WHEREAS**, the County intends to lease this agricultural land to the highest bidder; and

**WHEREAS**, Iowa Code requires that notice of letting bids be published;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Hardin County, Iowa, that the Hardin County Board of Supervisors shall take bids on lease of agricultural land described above herein; and the County Auditor shall publish the below notice:

**NOTICE OF LETTING FOR LEASE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND  
BY HARDIN COUNTY, IOWA**

To Whom It May Concern:

You and each of you are hereby notified that sealed cash rent bids will be received by the Hardin County Board of Supervisors for the cash rent lease of agricultural land in Hardin County, Iowa, containing 151.5 acres, more or less, in two tracts, described as follows:

All of the E ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 26, Township 88, Range 20 South of the Railroad; All of the W ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 26, Township 88, Range 20 South of the Railroad, except Parcel A located in the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ and the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ as found in survey recorded as year 2000, document 1300 in the office of the Hardin County Recorder. The garden tract, the cemetery, the building site, the wildlife area enclosed by multiflora hedge, communications tower, wetland area and the seepage bed are excluded.

And

The NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 29, Township 88 North, Range 19 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Hardin County, Iowa.

The sealed bids should be on a per acre basis. Said bids must be received in the Hardin County Auditor's Office, 1215 Edgington Avenue, Suite 1, Eldora, IA 50627, in a sealed envelope on or before 4:00 p.m. on October 19, 2021. The timely received bids will be opened at the Board meeting on October 20, 2021. The top five bidders then will be contacted by the Board with the top bid amount to allow the top five bidders to raise their bids at a meeting to take place later that day at 12:00 p.m., October 20, 2021 in the large conference room, Hardin County Courthouse, 1215 Edgington Avenue, Eldora, Iowa. Bids will be received in-person only; no phone or Zoom bids will be allowed. The lease will be awarded to the highest bidder.

The period of lease shall be for a term of two (2) years commencing on March 1, 2022 and ending on February 28, 2024, with the cash rent to be paid as follows: One-quarter due on or before April 1, 2022; one-quarter due on or before November 1, 2022; one-quarter due on or before April 1, 2023, one-quarter due on or before November 1, 2023. A copy of the lease document can be obtained from the Auditor's Office.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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 1st day of September, 2021.

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

Attest:

/s/ Jolene Pieters  
Hardin County Auditor

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the Application for Use of Courthouse Grounds submitted by the Eldora Public Library for a 9/11 Story Walk on the north and west lawn, planned for September 7-14, 2021. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the promotion of Joshua Scott June to Jail Sergeant, at a rate of \$23.06/hour, effective 09/01/2021. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the hiring of Jeffery Grego, part-time Transport Officer, at a rate of \$18.90/hour, effective 09/01/2021. Motion carried.

Other Business: None.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 11:30 a.m. the meeting was reconvened for a presentation on the Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (CSPOA). Present: Supervisors Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow; CSPOA members Mike LaCoste, Gary Shawver, and Bruce Rafoth; Veronica Lungu; Nancy Callaway; Teresa Willems; Pauline Lloyd; Matt Rezab; David Roelfs; Michael Pearce; and Angela Silvey. Attending via Zoom: Allison Munro, Carey Callaway, Connie Mesch, Tifani Eisentrager, Julie Duhn, Becca Junker, Lori Kadner, Matt Jones, and McKenzie Burton.

Mike LaCoste, with We the People for Constitutional Sheriffs, presented on the “Constitutional County” concept and on “defending against domestic enemies”. Gary Shawver read from a letter written by Arizona’s Mark Brnovich to Attorney General Merrick Garland regarding states’ rights.

LaCoste encouraged the Board to pass a resolution designating Hardin County a “Constitutional County,” as done in Lander and Elko County, Nevada, and to join the CSPOA.

Comments were received from Veronica Lungu about government overreach.

Teresa Willems and Dave Roelfs expressed support for a Constitutional County designation.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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

/s/ Jolene Pieters  
Jolene Pieters  
Hardin County Auditor

Chat Log from 9/1/2021

09:13:49 From Lisa Lawler to Everyone:

Great update Mark! Can we hear from the County Economic Development Director as well?

Chat Log from 9/1/2021

- 11:31:09 From Carey Callaway to Everyone:  
If Mike could go to the podium, it's be helpful for those of us online.
- 11:35:39 From Julie Duhn to Everyone:  
Sounds like political anarchy. Counties on their own?
- 11:36:51 From Julie Duhn to Everyone:  
The Big Lie pushed now?
- 11:38:50 From Carey Callaway to Everyone:  
Some might find this site helpful as a reference: <https://cspoa.org/>
- 11:39:07 From Julie Duhn to Everyone:  
Good grief. This is wacky.
- 11:42:19 From Julie Duhn to Everyone:  
Check with Southern Poverty Law Center assessment.
- 11:49:01 From Julie Duhn to Everyone:  
Didn't that Arizona sheriff Mack connected to militia groups?