

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – APRIL 6, 2022
WEDNESDAY - 8:30 A.M.
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Board Chair BJ Hoffman called the meeting to order. Supervisor Lance Granzow was in attendance. Renee McClellan was absent. Also attending were Taylor Roll, Michael Pearce, and Jolene Pieters. Attending via Zoom: Donna Juber.

Engineer Taylor Roll stated that during the budget process, he had decided to use some of the L.O.S.T. funds that had been saved up to repair a bridge. Roll presented a power point presentation with bridge options that the engineer's office thought would be the best use of the money and bridges that other state money cannot be used on. He discussed the age, estimated years of life left, width, weight rating and the average number of vehicles per day that use that bridge. He presented 7 bridges throughout the county that are being considered for repair. Roll also discussed 3 bridges that are being considered for bridge deck overlays if there is any L.O.S.T money left over.

The Supervisors asked Roll questions. Roll gave his recommendation. No action was taken.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

Board Chair BJ Hoffman called the regular Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Supervisor Lance Granzow was in attendance. Renee McClellan was absent. Also attending were Taylor Roll, Michael Pearce, Thomas Craighton, Dave McDaniel, Machel Eichmeier, Linn Adams, Jolene Pieters, Pauline Lloyd, and Matt Rezab. Attending via Zoom: Connie Mesch, Tifani Eisentrager, JD Holmes, Cheryl Lawrence, Lori Kadner, Rocky Reents, Elaine Loring, Carrie Kube, Megan Harrell, Curt Groen, Mark Buschkamp, Donna Juber, and Julie Duhn.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the minutes from 03/30/22. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the claims for payment dated 03/30/222. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the Iowa DOT FY2023 Secondary Roads Budget. Engineer Roll discussed that the numbers on this budget are the same as the County's budget. He stated what the carryover the department currently has and the projected carryover for next year. The large carryover is due to FEMA reimbursing the County. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the Iowa DOT FY2023 Five Year Construction Plan. Roll explained that this must be done every year. Roll stated that this is for the upcoming year 2023, not this summer. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the Actuarial Services Agreement with Silverstone Group, LLC. Motion carried.

At 9:06 a.m. Board Chair BJ Hoffman opened the public hearing on the proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 1. Granzow asked to wait to continue the hearing until the tornado siren stopped. Hoffman explained that Ordinance No.1 is the process in which an ordinance is adopted, published, and changed. This amendment will be more parallel to the Iowa Code. Hoffman explained that Ordinance 40 is in regard to commercial energy production. Auditor Pieters stated that she had not received any communication concerning Ordinance No.1.

Public Comments: Pauline Lloyd commented that she thought the entire resolution needed to be printed in the newspaper due to not everyone has internet access.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1. Public hearing closed at 9:12 a.m.

At 9:12 a.m. Hoffman opened the public comments on Ordinance No. 40. Auditor Pieters stated that she had not received any communication concerning Ordinance No. 40. Donna Juber asked why the Board of Supervisors want to repeal Ordinance No. 40. Hoffman stated that in his opinion there were some unfair advantages that were not consistent with the rest of commerce. Repealing Ordinance No. 40 appears to level the playing field for commerce in Hardin County. Hoffman stated that there are bills alive in both the House and Senate that would make repealing Ordinance No. 40 a “mute” point. He stated those bills could have an impact on any decisions made today on that ordinance and not sure that would be in Hardin County’s best interest. Hoffman explained that Ordinance 40 involves commercial wind energy only. Hoffman explained that the current proposed legislation removes the local control from the County Supervisors. Matt Rezac asked about the Ordinance being repealed & amended. Hoffman stated that he and Granzow needed to receive the public opinion on this matter and then the Supervisors can have more of a formal debate to decide if that is in the best interest of Hardin County. Pauline Lloyd asked if hog and chicken barns are taxed. Granzow stated they are taxed.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to close the Public Hearing on the repeal of Ordinance No. 40. Motion carried. Public Hearing was closed at 9:18 a.m. and the Board of Supervisors meeting was reconvened.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the adoption of Resolution to Amend Ordinance No. 1. Discussion was held that this does not make it mandatory to publish in the newspaper, but Granzow stated that he thought it was a good idea to publish it. Hoffman stated that this amendment brings us in line with Iowa State Code. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Granzow, Hoffman. “Nays” none. Absent: McClellan. Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-15

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 1

WHEREAS, Hardin County Ordinance No. 1, Section 2, is inconsistent with Iowa Code section 331.302(6), and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desire to eliminate the aforementioned inconsistency and save publication costs, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to amend Ordinance No. 1, Section 2 to align with Iowa Code 331.302(6),

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Hardin County, Iowa, hereby adopt the amended Ordinance No. 1 at attached hereto.

The motion was seconded by Board Member BJ Hoffman and after due consideration thereof, the roll was called, and the following Board Members voted:

Ayes: Granzow, Hoffman

Nays: None

Absent: McClellan

Abstain: None

Whereupon, the Chair of the Board of Supervisors declared said Resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of April, 2022.

_____, Chair

Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Hardin County Auditor

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve to amend Ordinance No. 40. Granzow and Hoffman stated that they are not in favor of this amendment. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” none. “Nays” Granzow, Hoffman. Absent: McClellan. Motion failed.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve setting the Public Hearing and consideration of Resolution to Relinquish Interest in Easement by Pine Lake Corn Processors for April 20th, 2022 at 9:02 a.m. in the large conference room in the Hardin County Courthouse. Motion carried.

Linn Adams presented an update on the General Assistance Staffing. As of July 1, 2022, staff will be regional employees. Linn will be 100% employed by the Region, Jodi will be 10%. Jodi will be considered a hybrid employee. Linn will be considered an incremental employee. Franklin and Hardin counties will have an agreement regarding Jodi’s time which will be reconciled at the end of the year. Linn stated that they will block off time on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for general assistance for Hardin County. Jodi will also increase her hours to 40 hours per week from 37.5 hours per week due all regional employees work 40 hours per week. Linn stated that they will change their website to let the public know of the new hours.

Carrie Kube discussed the 2022 Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation. She stated that there was a drive to have every county in the state to adopt this proclamation. As of 04/05/22 she stated that she thought approximately 50% of the counties had adopted the proclamation. Carrie read the proclamation. Rocky Reents added that individuals should follow their Facebook page for activities and events. Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve 2022 Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the Auditor’s monthly report for March. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to cancel the 04/13/22 Board of Supervisors meeting due to staff in the Auditor’s office having training and the 06/08/22 Board of Supervisors meeting as a courtesy to the Auditor’s office staff due to the Primary election on 06/07/22. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the Recorder’s monthly report for March. Motion carried.

Other Business: Thomas Craighton stated that Hardin County has HPI in Hardin County and the Governor has made a proclamation to be able to use any state resources that are needed.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

BJ Hoffman, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Jolene Pieters
Hardin County Auditor