

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – JUNE 15, 2022
WEDNESDAY – 9:00 A.M.
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Board Chair BJ Hoffman called the meeting to order. Supervisors Lance Granzow and Renee McClellan were in attendance. Also attending were Taylor Roll, Deana Vaux, Thomas Craighton, Machel Eichmeier, Jessica Sheridan, Darrell Meyer, Lori Kadner, Chris Wieting, Michael Pearce, and Jolene Pieters. Attending via Zoom: Cheryl Lawrence, Connie Mesch, Tifani Eisentrager, Becca Junker, Rocky Reents, Wes Wiese, Elaine Loring, Matt Rezab, Chris Newhouse, Allison Munro, Jamie Giesler, Aaron Budweg, Curt Groen, Julie Duhn, and Pauline Lloyd.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the minutes from May 31, 2022, June 1, 2022, and June 2, 2022. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the claims for payment for June 15, 2022.

Chris Wieting updated the Board of Supervisors on the Iowa Rivers Edge Trail project and explained that the SRT Endorsement and Resolution are the next phase of the project. The resolution to apply for the State Rec Trails grant for \$500,000 for 2022 and secure funding with Federal Rec Trails and apply for a Destination Iowa grant is the next phase of the project. The State Rec Trails grant will go primarily toward bridge work outside of Gifford which will connect our communities. No money is asked for from the County. Chris stated that the trail is currently in a closed state due safety, primarily around bridges due to fencing issues. They will let the public know when it will be open for public use. They are planning a ribbon cutting possibly sometime this fall. Marshall county is also working toward their completion.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the Iowa Rivers Edge Trail State Rec Trails endorsement. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to adopt the Resolution of Hardin County's Submittal of an Application for Funding from the State Recreation Trails Program to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for the Funding of the Iowa River's Edge Trail. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Granzow, McClellan, Hoffman. "Nays" none. Absent: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2022-21 is hereby adopted as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 – 21

**HARDIN COUNTY’S SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM
THE STATE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (DOT) FOR THE FUNDING OF THE IOWA RIVER’S EDGE
TRAIL**

WHEREAS, the Hardin County Board of Supervisors is a valid and functioning entity of Hardin County; and

WHEREAS, the State Recreational Trails Program provides funding at the state level to local jurisdictions for the development of eligible projects; and

WHEREAS, the program is administered by the Iowa Department of Transportation which prioritizes and ranks all project applications; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Hardin County that:

1. Hardin County Board of Supervisors supports and approves the application made for State Recreational Trails Funds
2. Hardin County Board of Supervisors hereby commits to the Iowa Department of Transportation to secure local match as required by the State Recreational Trails Program funding
3. Hardin County Board of Supervisors hereby commits to accepting and maintaining these improvements for a minimum of twenty (20) years following the completion
4. The Hardin County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to approve and execute the application and award agreement on behalf of Hardin County Board of Supervisors.

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

Ayes: Granzow, McClellan, Hoffman

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Whereupon, the Chair of the Board of Supervisors declared said Resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of June 2022.

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

Attest:

/s/ Jolene Pieters

Jolene Pieters
Hardin County Auditor

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the credit card limit for the EMA Commission to \$10,000 for Emergency Manager Thomas Craighton which was passed unanimously by the Hardin County Emergency Management Commission. Motion carried.

Engineer Roll opened 1 bid received for fuel. The bid was received from AgVantage FS, Inc. for fuel and propane.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the Class C Liquor License for Pine Lake Country Club. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Hardin County and CICS. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the Interstate Power and Light Utility Permit UT-22-010. Motion carried.

Treasurer Eichmeier and Chris Newhouse explained the request for compromise and assignment of Hardin County tax sale certificates and verification needed of the principal and interest owed.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve Treasurer Eichmeier to work with Chris Newhouse to present the numbers needed, after conferring with Attorney Meyer, regarding a request for Compromise and Assignment of Hardin County tax sale certificates at a future Supervisors meeting. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to acknowledge the receipt of the animal feeding operation construction permit for Hardin Buckeye 3, Section 3, Buckeye Township. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to set the public hearing for the animal feeding operation Hardin Buckeye 3, Section 3, Buckeye Township for July 6, 2022, at 9:02 a.m. in the large conference room in the Hardin County Courthouse. The application will be available for viewing online and in the Auditor's office. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the salaries for FY2022/2023 budget year. In discussion Granzow stated the County is on the conservative side but compared to other counties we are on the lower side of the range. He stated that he appreciates the employees for being employees of Hardin County. Hoffman stated that there are some departments that are limited by the funds that can be spent on wages and to increase those wages, sacrifices would need to be made in various areas. The County maintains working within our means. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Granzow, McClellan, Hoffman. "Nays" none. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Taylor Roll and Deanna Vaux presented the Hardin County Wellness Program to the Board. Incentive for participation and meeting stated criteria would be those employees receiving a wellness day. In discussion it was stated that having healthy employees can benefit Hardin County and can be done on the employees' personal time and is a standard practice across the state. The program will be self-managed by the County.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the Hardin County Wellness Program. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the change of status for the Secondary Roads Department for the resignation of Allison Lake. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the change of status for the Secondary Roads Department for the retirement of Terry Clemons. The Board thanked Terry for all his years of service. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded the change of status for the County Attorney Department for the resignation of Christopher Klein. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the change of status for the Sheriff's Department for the resignation of Sophia Lupkes. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the change of status for the Sheriff's Department for the resignation of Joshua Nelson. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the change of status for the Conservation Department for the resignation of Brennan Reysack. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the Auditor's Report for May 2022. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the Recorder's Report for May 2022. Recorder Kadner stated that Hardin County is in the top 14 counties out of 99 for processing e-submission documents and that boats can still be registered by July 1st, 2022, to avoid penalties. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the Sheriff's Report for May 2022. Motion carried.

Other business: Treasurer Eichmeier reminded everyone of the tax sale that will be held on June 20, 2022. Engineer Roll thanked his employees for answering their phones at all hours of the night after storms. County Attorney Meyer wished Chris Klein well as he goes to Black Hawk County as a prosecutor for that county. Jessica Sheridan, Environmental Health, reminded everyone the importance of the public obtaining building permits. Chris Wieting stated that he is the contact person for anyone wanting to donate funds and is looking at early fall for a fund raiser for the Iowa River's Edge trail.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

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

/s/ Jolene Pieters
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Hardin County Auditor