

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024 - 9:00 A.M.
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

The 2024 Organizational Meeting of the Hardin County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board of Supervisors Executive Assistant Ann Larson. Present: Supervisors Lance Granzow, BJ Hoffman, and Renee McClellan; and Darrell Meyer, Jolene Pieters, Machel Eichmeier, Lori Kadner, Connie Mesch, Taylor Roll, Deb Crosser, McKenzie Burton, Megan Harrell, Elaine Loring, Amanda Jones, Breanne Butler, Jacob Bolson, David W. Dunn, Irene McDermott

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The floor was opened for nominations for Chair of the Board for the calendar year 2024. It was moved by Hoffman, seconded by McClellan appointing Lance Granzow as the 2024 Chair, and that nomination ceased. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Granzow, McClellan, and Hoffman. “Nays” None. Motion carried.

It was then moved by McClellan, seconded by Granzow appointing BJ Hoffman as the 2024 Vice-Chair. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Granzow, McClellan, and Hoffman. “Nays” None. Motion carried.

McClellan moved; Hoffman seconded to approve the agenda as posted. Discussion: Hoffman stated that amendment was made to the agenda to add public comment to the agenda after the appointment of the Township Trustees. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved; McClellan seconded to approve the minutes of December 27, 2023, as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

McClellan moved; Hoffman seconded to approve the claims for payment for January 2, 2024. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman announced the Employee Years of Service Awards.

Hoffman moved; McClellan seconded that each member of the Board represent Hardin County on the following boards during 2024. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Management	McClellan
Emergency Management Alternate	Granzow
Hardin Co. Solid Waste Commission	Granzow
Hardin Co. Solid Waste Commission Alternate	Hoffman
Hardin County EMS Council	Hoffman
Hardin County EMS Council Alternate	McClellan
Iowa Workforce Board	Granzow
Mid-Iowa Community Action	McClellan
Mid-Iowa Community Action Alternate	Hoffman

Region Six Planning Commission	Granzow
Region Six Planning Commission Alternate	Hoffman
Second Judicial District Bd. of Directors	McClellan
Second Judicial District Alternate	Hoffman
Heartland Insurance Risk Pool Board	Granzow
Heartland Insurance Risk Pool Alternate	Jolene Pieters
Juvenile Detention Center Commission	Granzow
Juvenile Detention Center Alternate	McClellan
Northeast Iowa Response Group Board	Thomas Craighton
Northeast Iowa Response Group Bd. Alternate	Hoffman
Hardin County Firemen's Association	Hoffman
Hardin Co. Firemen's Assoc. Alternate	Granzow
E-911 Board Representative	McClellan
E-911 Board Alternate	Granzow
Board of Health	McClellan
Board of Health Alternate	Granzow
Decategorization Board	McClellan
Decategorization Board Alternate	Granzow
Greenbelt Home Care	Hoffman
Greenbelt Home Care Alternate	Granzow
Central Iowa Community Services Board	Hoffman
River's Edge Trail - Hardin Commission	McClellan

Hoffman moved; McClellan seconded authorizing attendance by County employees to meetings set up by the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) for the year 2024, and that expenses of those attending be paid by the County. The Courthouse shall remain open on the day(s) of the meetings. All Ayes. Motion carried.

McClellan moved; Hoffman seconded to close the Courthouse on the following days in 2024 for holidays. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 15, 2024
Memorial Day	May 27, 2024
Independence Day	July 4, 2024
Labor Day	September 2, 2024
Veterans Day	November 11, 2024
Thanksgiving	November 28 & 29, 2024
Christmas	December 24 & 25, 2024
New Year's Day	January 1, 2025

Hoffman moved; McClellan seconded to name the following newspapers as legal newspapers for Hardin County for 2024: Times-Citizen, Ackley World Journal, and Eldora Herald Ledger. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved; McClellan seconded to approve the appointment of Kirk Rice to the County Conservation Board for a term of five-years commencing January 1, 2024. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved; McClellan seconded to approve the appointments of Breanne Butler and Maile Carter to the County Board of Health for a term of three-years commencing January 1, 2024. All Ayes. Motion carried.

McClellan moved; Hoffman seconded to approve the appointments of Mary Nelson, Cheri Manning, Lynn Adams, and Jennifer Knott to the MH/DD Advisory Board for a term of three-years commencing January 1, 2024. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved; McClellan seconded to approve the appointment of Curt Groen to the Zoning Commission for a term of five-years commencing January 1, 2024. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved; McClellan seconded to approve the appointment of Jacob Bolson to the Zoning Adjustment Board for a term of five-years commencing January 1, 2024. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved; McClellan seconded to appoint the following individuals as members of the Hardin County Board of Condemnation for a term of one year commencing on January 1, 2024. All Ayes. Motion carried.

FARMERS

Everett Harms
Steve Perry
Glen Carpenter
Mark Balvanz

PROPERTY OWNERS

Steve Mannerter
Scott Earl Williams
Chris Renihan
Jeremiah Andrews

REAL ESTATE

Ed Bear
Brad Fjelland
Keta Reynolds
Leon Herndon
Norm Houston

BUSINESSPEOPLE

John Zoske
Rosanne Primus
Greg Salvo
Brent Perry
Russ Reynolds

McClellan moved; Hoffman seconded to approve the appointments of Peggy Spaid and Curt Groen to the Pioneer Cemetery Commission for a term of three-years commencing January 1, 2024. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved; McClellan seconded to approve the appointment of Paul Martin as Weed Commissioner for a term of one-year commencing on March 1, 2024. All Ayes. Motion carried.

McClellan moved; Hoffman seconded to approve the appointment of Chris Barber to the Prairie Rivers of Iowa Resource Conservation and Development Board for a term of one year commencing on January 1, 2024. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved; McClellan seconded setting Mondays at 9:00 a.m. for the 2024 Board of Supervisors regular meetings and any Board of Supervisors meeting that falls on a holiday will be cancelled for that week. All Ayes. Motion carried.

McClellan moved; Hoffman seconded to approve the Medical Examiner Agreement with Dr. Curtis O'Loughlin effective January 1, 2024, through January 1, 2025. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved; McClellan seconded to approve the Medical Examiner Investigator Services Agreements with Marla Williams, Eric Eugenio, and Thomas Craighton effective January 1, 2024, through January 1, 2025, at \$335.00/case. All Ayes. Motion carried.

McClellan moved; Hoffman seconded that Resolution No. 2024-01, Resolution Naming Depositories as Per Iowa Code Section 12C, be adopted. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Granzow, McClellan, and Hoffman. “Nays” None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2024-01 is hereby adopted as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01
RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORIES AS PER IOWA CODE SECTION 12C**

BE IT RESOLVED that the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS of HARDIN COUNTY, IOWA, approves the following list of financial institutions to be depositories of the HARDIN COUNTY funds in conformance with all applicable provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 12C.

The HARDIN COUNTY OFFICERS are hereby authorized to deposit the Hardin County funds in amounts not to exceed the maximum approved for each respective financial institution as set out below.

Depository Name	Location of Home Office	Maximum Balance in effect under prior Resolution	Maximum Balance in effect under this Resolution
Treasurer			
Hardin County Savings Bank	Eldora	20,000,000	20,000,000
Green Belt Bank & Trust	Iowa Falls	15,000,000	15,000,000
Iowa Falls State Bank	Iowa Falls	10,000,000	10,000,000
GNB Bank - Ackley	Grundy Center	10,000,000	10,000,000
Security State Bank	Hubbard	5,000,000	5,000,000
United Bank & Trust – Alden	Sheffield	5,000,000	5,000,000
Security State Bank	Radcliffe	5,000,000	5,000,000
GNB – Iowa Falls	Grundy Center	5,000,000	5,000,000
Green Belt Bank & Trust – Eldora	Iowa Falls	15,000,000	15,000,000
US Bank – (IPAIT)	Des Moines	15,000,000	15,000,000
Peoples Savings Bank - Cleves	Wellsburg	5,000,000	5,000,000
Recorder			
Hardin County Savings Bank	Eldora	500,000	500,000
Sheriff			
Hardin County Savings Bank	Eldora	500,000	500,000
Hardin County Savings Bank – Commissary	Eldora	100,000	100,000
Inmate Commissary		100,000	100,000
Hardin County Savings Bank – Forfeiture	Eldora	100,000	100,000
Federal Forfeiture		100,000	100,000
Security State Bank - DARE	Hubbard	2,000	2,000

Hardin County Public Employees Health Plan Trust			
Hardin County Savings Bank	Eldora	3,000,000	3,000,000
Green Belt Bank & Trust	Iowa Falls	500,000	500,000
Peoples Savings Bank	Wellsburg	00	3,000,000
Hardin County Flexible Benefits			
Hardin County Savings Bank	Eldora	50,000	50,000

Whereupon the Chair of the Board of Supervisors declared said Resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of January 2024.

/s/ Lance Granzow
Lance Granzow, Chair
Hardin County Board of Supervisors

CERTIFICATION. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution of the HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS adopted at a meeting of said public body, duly called and held on the 2nd day of January 2024, a quorum being present, as said resolution remains of record in the minutes of said meeting, and it is now in full force and effect.

Dated this 2nd day of January 2024.

/s/ Jolene Pieters
Jolene Pieters
Hardin County Auditor

Hoffman moved; McClellan seconded to approve the Investment Policy. All Ayes. Motion carries.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded that Resolution No. 2024-2, Construction Evaluation Resolution as Per Iowa Code Section 459.304(3), be adopted. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Granzow, McClellan, and Hoffman. "Nays" None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2024-2 is hereby adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION #2024-02
CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt or re-adopt a "construction evaluation resolution" relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted or re-adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted or re-adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR's decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting or re-adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between January 3, 2024, and January 2, 2025, and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board's recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix as provided by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HARDIN COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3). The Hardin County Auditor shall before January 31, 2024, provide a copy of this resolution to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Bldg., 502 East 9th Street, 4th Floor, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034.

Whereupon the Chair of the Board of Supervisors declared said Resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of January 2024.

/s/ Lance Granzow

Lance Granzow, Chair
Hardin County Board of Supervisors

CERTIFICATION. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution of the HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS adopted at a meeting of said public body, duly called and held on the 2nd day of January 2024, a quorum being present, as said resolution remains of record in the minutes of said meeting, and it is now in full force and effect.

Dated this 2nd day of January 2024.

/s/ Jolene Pieters

Jolene Pieters
Hardin County Auditor

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded that the following Resolution No. 2024-3, Embargo Resolution be adopted. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Granzow, McClellan, and Hoffman. “Nays” None. Resolution No. 2024-3 is hereby adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION 2024-03

Hardin County Embargo Resolution

WHEREAS, the Hardin County Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of Section 321.236(8), 321.255, and 321.471 to 321.473 of the Code of Iowa to prohibit the operation of vehicles upon Secondary Roads or to impose restrictions as to weight of vehicles to be operated upon said secondary roads, except farm tractors as defined in Section 321.1, Subsection 7, for a total period not to exceed ninety (90) days in any one calendar year, whenever any said highway by reason of deterioration, rain, snow, or other climatic conditions will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless the use of vehicles thereon is prohibited or the permissible weights thereof reduced, and

WHEREAS, severe weather conditions have caused certain secondary roads to be incapable of bearing the customary traffic thereon without undue damages.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hardin County Board of Supervisors that the County Engineer be authorized to order any of the Secondary Roads closed to vehicles in excess of five (5) tons per axle, wherever the engineer deems it necessary and for the period of time deemed expedient (not to exceed ninety (90) days), by erecting signs in accordance with Section 321.472 of the Code of Iowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Engineer may grant permits of exemption upon a showing that there is a need to move market farm produce of a type subject to rapid spoilage or loss of value or to move any farm feeds or fuel for home heating purposes.

Signed this 2nd day of January 2024.

/s/ Lance Granzow

Chair, Hardin County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/ Jolene Pieters

Jolene Pieters

Hardin County Auditor

McClellan moved; Hoffman seconded that the following Resolution No. 2024-4, Resolution for Temporary Road Closures, be adopted. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Granzow, McClellan, and Hoffman. “Nays” None. Resolution No. 2024-4 is hereby adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION 2024-04

Temporary Road Closures in Hardin County

WHEREAS, Section 306.41 of the Code of Iowa provides that:

“The agency having jurisdiction and control over any highway in the state, or the chief engineer of said agency when delegated by such agency, may temporarily close sections of a highway by formal resolution entered upon the minutes of such agency when reasonably necessary because of construction, reconstruction, maintenance, or natural disaster and shall cause to be erected “road closed” signs and partial or total barricades in the roadway at each end of the closed highway section and on the closed highway where that highway is intersected by other highways if such intersection remains open. Any numbered road closed for over forty-eight (48) hours shall have a designated detour route. The agency having jurisdiction over a section of highway closed in accordance with the provisions of this section, or the persons or contractors employed to carry out the construction, reconstruction, or maintenance of the closed section of highway, shall not be liable for any damages to any vehicle that enters the closed section of highway, unless the damages are caused by gross negligence of the agency or contractor.

Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit or deny any person from gaining lawful access to the person’s property or residence, nor shall it change or limit liability to such persons.”

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hardin County Board of Supervisors that the County Engineer is hereby authorized through December 31, 2024, to temporarily close Hardin County Secondary Roads as necessary and allowed by law with the actual dates of closure to be determined by the County Engineer as follows:

- 1) FOR CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION: Any project as described in the approved Hardin County Secondary Road Construction Program and any approved supplements thereto.
- 2) FOR EMERGENCY CLOSURE FOR MAINTENANCE AND NATURAL DISASTER PURPOSES: Any route deemed necessary by the County Engineer.

Signed this 2nd day of January 2024.

/s/ Lance Granzow

Chair, Hardin County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/ Jolene Pieters

Jolene Pieters

Hardin County Auditor

Hoffman moved; McClellan seconded to approve the Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement 2024. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the change of rates for Township Trustees and Clerks to \$35.00/meeting and \$100.00/hr. for the clerk. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Two people stated their concerns about the 911 Bond.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to table the setting of a public hearing date and time for Essential County Purpose Bond For 911 Radio Infrastructure at the recommendation of Dave McDaniel.

Hoffman moved; McClellan seconded to Approve Chandra Kyte as an Authorized Representative for The Standard.

Hoffman moved; McClellan seconded to Approve the cancellation of 4th of January closure of the Courthouse from 2:30 – 4:30.

McClellan moved; Hoffman seconded to approve the Sheriff's December 2023 Monthly Report

Change of Status: None

Other Business: None

Hoffman moved; McClellan seconded to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31a.m.

Lance Granzow, Chair or Vice-Chair
Board of Supervisors

Jolene Pieters
Hardin County Auditor

