

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – JANUARY 22, 2024
Monday– 9:30 A.M.
HARDIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

The Hardin County Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting at 9:30 AM on January 22, 2024, at the Hardin County Courthouse Large Conference Room in Eldora, Iowa.

Board members in attendance were Lance Granzow, BJ Hoffman. Also attending: Ann Larson, Jolene Pieters, Machel Eichmeier, Thomas Craighton, Taylor Roll, Darrell Meyer, Deb Crosser, Dave McDaniel, Elaine Loring, Irene McDermott, Teresa Landcaster, Taylor Nederhoff, and Donna Juber.

Hoffman moved and Granzow seconded the motion to approve the agenda. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Hoffman made a motion to approve claims for payment for January 19, 2024. Hoffman withdrew the motion due to incorrect date on the agenda. Hoffman moved and Granzow seconded the motion to approve the claims for payment for January 22, 2024. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Hoffman moved and Granzow seconded the motion to approve Community Sign Grant for Nacho Daddy's Tacos, not to exceed \$500.00.

Hoffman moved and Granzow seconded the motion to set the time and date of the Public Hearing for 911 Essential Purpose for Radio Infrastructure for February 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Hardin County Courthouse. Discussion: Hoffman stated that he needed to set the time and date for the discussion to call for a vote to allow McDaniel and Craighton to then pursue the grant funding. Hoffman called for the vote. Roll Call Vote: "Nayes" Hoffman and Granzow. Motion failed.

Hoffman moved and Granzow seconded the motion to approve credit card approval for Iowa River's Edge Trail usage for Steve Pence and Laura Carr with a designated spending limit of \$2,000.00. Discussion: Granzow stated that he would like to get the opinions of the Auditor and Treasurer. Pieters stated that during the county's external audit, that there was concern about the amount of credit cards that had already been issued in the county. Pieters stated that the request for these cards stated for incidental and website expense. Pieters questioned if one card would be sufficient for both expenses. Eichmeier also stated her concern about the amount of credit cards already issued. Crosser stated that she is a Board Representative for Iowa River's Edge Trail. Crosser stated majority of the expenses have been related to managing the Website. Crosser stated that there have been times that people have had to use their own personal funds to try to conduct business. Crosser stated that it is not necessary to have the two cards and that one card would be sufficient. Hoffman called for the vote: "Nayes" Hoffman and Granzow. Motion failed. Hoffman moved and Granzow seconded the motion to approve one credit card for Iowa River's Edge Trail for Steve Pence with a designated spending limit of \$2000.00. Discussion: Hoffman stated that Pence needs to the individual on the billing statements. Crosser stated that Pence is the Treasurer for the Iowa River's Edge Trail. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved and Granzow seconded to approve the Auditor's Office to be the control entity of the First Aid Kit on the first floor of the Courthouse. Discussion: Craighton suggested that the Auditor's Office also be in control of a first aid kit for the Annex Building. Craighton stated that there is not one in place at this time. Hoffman asked Pieters if she would be ok with also being in control of the first aid kit for the Annex building and she agreed. Granzow stated that we are not in a contract with the company that is currently in charge of stocking the first aid kits. Pieters stated that the county is paying the current company upwards towards 10,000.00 dollars a year to stock and maintain four first aid kits for the county. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved and Granzow seconded to acknowledge Receipt of Compensation Board Recommendation. Discussion: Granzow clarified that Acknowledging does not mean approving. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Proposal for Adoption of Zoning Ordinance Regarding Nuisance Properties Located in City Limits. Presenting the proposal was Taylor Nederhoff of Stockdale Law, PLC and Teresa Lancaster, Director of Building and Zoning for the City of Iowa Falls. Nederhoff stated that they have been working with nuisance properties located in Iowa Falls. Nederhoff stated that there are approximately 200 properties located in Iowa Falls that appear abandoned, due to the properties not having utilities or dilapidated

structure. Nederhoff is requesting that the county consider adopting an Ordinance in accord with Iowa Code Section 446.19B and 446.19A. Preferentially, the Ordinance would be in accord with 446.19B. This Ordinance allows Cities to have priority purchasing power for nuisance properties located within their corporate city limits. This would apply to the City of Iowa Falls as well as all municipalities located within Hardin County, Iowa. Nederhoff stated that many of the tax sale properties are bought up from out-of-town investors. Nederhoff stated that this does serve a purpose to the extent that those houses are renovated. However, many houses remained untouched for a number of years, which does not promote the best interest of Hardin County municipalities. Nederhoff stated that assessed values have gone up and there is a lack of housing. Nederhoff stated by adopting this ordinance it could provide lower valued housing and increase property tax generation. Eichmeier stated that she thinks that Hardin County already has a Public Nuisance Tax Sale policy, but she would have to find documentation of it. Hoffman stated that he sees this as putting properties with potential back on the tax roll, to provide entry level housing, and to bust the local economy, by providing local contractors with work. Meyer stated his concern was how this was going to affect the Treasurer's job. Eichmeier stated that if the process happens correctly, she would be fine with a nuisance property ordinance. Nederhoff and Eichmeier explained the tax sale process and explained that there are quite a few steps to obtain a deed to a property.

Hoffman moved and Granzow seconded the motion for a change of status for Brandy Lawrence in the Sheriff's Office changing from part time to full time at a rate of \$21.03 per hour.

Public Comments: None

Hoffman moved and Granzow seconded to adjourn. All Ayes. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Lance Granzow, Chair or Vice-Chair
Board of Supervisors

Jolene Pieters
Hardin County Auditor