

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 26, 2024
MONDAY– 9:00 A.M.
HARDIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

The Hardin County Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting at 9:00 AM on February 26, 2024, at the Hardin County Courthouse Large Conference Room in Eldora, Iowa.

Board members in attendance were Lance Granzow, BJ Hoffman, and Renee McClellan. Also attending: Ann Larson, Jolene Pieters, Deb Crosser, Thomas Craighton, Taylor Roll, Lori Kadner, Machel Eichmeier, Elaine Loring, Irene McDermitt, Seth Tjelmeland, Blake Richie, and Donna Juber.

McClellan moved and Hoffman seconded the motion to approve the agenda. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved and McClellan seconded the motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2024. All Ayes. Motion carried.

McClellan moved and Hoffman seconded the motion to approve claims for payment for February 26, 2024. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved and McClellan seconded to Approve the motion to appropriate a portion of Opioid Settlement Funds in 2024-25 Budget. Discussion: Hoffman stated that the county was allocated money from the AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, McKesson, and Johnson & Johnson opioid settlement. Hoffman stated the county attorney suggested that we utilize 47,000 dollars and allocate it to Sheriff's Department, to be distributed as follows: \$15,000 to the Deputy Sheriff's salary for the DARE program, \$26,000 to the salary for jailer, Deb Mesch in the Medical Program, and \$6,000 to jail staff, Mindy Gerke. Granzow stated that this should maintain for about 3 years then they may have to lower the amounts due to smaller payments coming in. All Ayes. Motion carried.

9:03 a.m. Granzow opened the Public Hearing for the new Secondary Roads building. Roll stated that this new building will be in Eldora. Roll stated that the building will have 9 doors of which 8 would be regular bays and one would be a wash bay. Roll stated that the need for a new building is due to the old buildings structure deteriorating. Roll stated this is the building that houses their snowplow trucks. Roll stated that these trucks remove snow in the winter and haul rock in the summer to take care of the roads. Roll stated that he requested estimates from four local businesses and three of them responded to him. The highest bid was from King's, then Next Generation Buildings at \$970,996.51, and the lowest bid was from Honey Creek Design + Build at \$909,269.13. Roll stated that they asked the contractors to break down what materials would be purchased in Hardin County and Roll stated they are both very Hardin County based. Roll stated that this will be good because a majority of the materials and labor will be in Hardin County. Hoffman asked Roll to explain the funding sources for the building. Roll stated that they are going to pay for the building with their carryover from last year's budget. Roll went on to explain that about 2/3 of his budget comes from the state road use tax and less than 1/3 of his budget comes from property taxes here. Roll stated they have \$7,000,000,000 carry over right now. Granzow stated that a year ago there were plans for a \$3,000,000 building, but the grounds were not sustainable for that building. Granzow stated that a year ago the plan was to build a new shop, but Roll explained that the reason for that was because of the fire. Roll stated that they were able to repair the shop without building a new one. Granzow asked for public comments, and there was none. Granzow asked if there were any written or oral comments and Larson stated that there were none. Hoffman moved; McClellan seconded the motion to close the public hearing. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Granzow, McClellan, and Hoffman. "Nays" None. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved and McClellan seconded the motion to approve Interstate Power and Light Utility Permit UT-24-002. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved and McClellan seconded the motion to approve the change of status in the Sheriff's Department for the discharge of Sara Knott, as a part time Communications Officer, effective February 20, 2024. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved and McClellan seconded the motion to approve the change of status in the Sheriff's Department for the hiring of Makayla Nolte, as a part time Correctional Officer, effective March 11, 2024, at an hourly rate of \$21.16. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved and McClellan seconded the motion to approve the change of status in the Sheriff's Department for the hiring of Lacie Jenkins, as a part time cook, effective February 19, 2024, at an hourly rate of \$16.00. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Other Business: Craighton stated that he wanted to give an update on the 911 Radio Infrastructure. Craighton stated that after the board denied the bond, the 911 Board met last Tuesday night, February 20, 2024. Craighton stated that they have changed the scope of work for MCM Consulting, which is the consulting company they hired to do the evaluation of our current radios. Craighton stated that since they do not have the bond, they re-contracted with MCM and changed the scope of the work and cost of the contract from 250,000 down to \$90,000. Craighton stated that MCM will assist in writing grants and finding grants and this would include grants available to the community. Craighton stated that because of the small communities, there's grants available to the fire department Craighton stated that he will be submitted one grant to Homeland Security under the Homeland Security Grant program, which is a terrorist-based grant in the amount of \$160,000. Craighton stated that this grant will be for the funding of the Sheriff's radios and his two radios. Craighton stated there are other grants that they plan to apply for.

Public Comments: None

McClellan moved and Hoffman seconded the motion to adjourn. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Lance Granzow, Chair or Vice-Chair
Board of Supervisors

Jolene Pieters
Hardin County Auditor