

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – DECEMBER 16, 2020
WEDNESDAY - 9:00 A.M.
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Chair Lance Granzow called the meeting to order. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. Also in attendance were Supervisors BJ Hoffman and René McClellan; and Carey Callaway-Morton, Curt Groen, Pauline Lloyd, Justin Ites, JD Holmes, Julie Duhn, Megan Harrell, Rocky Reents, Allison Scott, Machel Eichmeier, Lori Kadner, Angela De La Riva, Elaine Loring, Donna Juber, Bob Juber, Dave McDaniel, Mark Buschkamp, Jolene Pieters, Michael Pearce, Taylor Roll, Jessica Sheridan, Thomas Craighton, Darrell Meyer, and Angela Silvey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the December 16, 2020 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Utility Permits: None.

Secondary Roads: No update.

Hoffman acknowledged he attended a meeting with the Hansen Family Hospital (HFH) board and learned HFH intended to refinance bonds held on its facilities, a move that could save \$1 million.

Hoffman then moved, McClellan seconded to give approval to Eric Bolert at Ahlers and Cooney, the County's bond attorney, to work with the HFH bond attorney at HFH's expense to begin the refinancing process. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the appointment of Katie Reifschneider as Jackson Township clerk. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to set the 2021 Organizational Meeting for January 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., in the Large Conference Room of the Hardin County Courthouse. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to cancel the January 6, 2021 regular Board meeting. Payment of claims for that week is also cancelled. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the Sheriff's Monthly Report for November 2020. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Update:

Thomas Craighton, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported Hardin County is getting 600 Moderna vaccine doses before year end.

Craighton also reported that the E-911 Commission started its budget process, and the emergency tower would receive a new photo cell that day.

Public Comments:

Donna Juber wondered why the January 6, 2021 meeting was cancelled.

Pauline Lloyd had questions about the dispensing of the COVID vaccine and asked for County plans for COVID mitigation.

Comments were received from Julie Duhn.

Other Business:

Hoffman advised the first round of budgeting for FY 2021/2022 was complete.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 10:30 a.m. the Board met with Rick Gustin, Reliable1, to conduct an HVAC project review. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. In attendance: Supervisors Granzow, Hoffman, and McClellan; and Lori Kadner, Beth Miller, Darrell Meyer, Jolene Pieters, Jody Mesch, Michael Pearce, and Angela Silvey.

Beth Miller, Bowman & Miller, P.C., requested an explanation of why HVAC project total costs came in at almost \$700,000 over budget without change orders approved by the Board.

Rick Gustin responded that the project was put out to bid as an RFI for a design build, the bid amount was a minimum bid, and it was understood there would be changes to the project as work progressed. Gustin advised he met with Property Manager Jody Mesch each month to review bills and changes. Project scope changed, according to Gustin, after the need for a building study due to non-existence of blueprints and consultations with architects and engineers.

It was suggested that, going forward, cost increases to major projects be accompanied by change orders, change orders be approved by the Board and documented in the minutes, and the county auditor be in charge of tracking project costs.

At 11:02 a.m. Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 11:18 a.m. the Board met for an organizational meeting planning session. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. In attendance: Supervisors Granzow, Hoffman, and McClellan; and Jolene Pieters and Angela Silvey.

The Supervisors reviewed proposed agenda items for the January 4, 2021 meeting and discussed board, commission, and township trustee appointments.

Discussion was held on eliminating the policy imposing term limits on County boards and commissions. No action taken.

The Board agreed compensation for medical examiner investigators should be raised from \$250.00 per case to \$275.00 per case for the 2021 calendar year.

At 12:11 p.m. Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

/s/ Angela Silvey
Angela Silvey
Elections Deputy & Board Secretary