

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 3, 2021  
WEDNESDAY - 9:12 A.M.  
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Chair BJ Hoffman called the meeting to order. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. Also present: Supervisors Reneé McClellan and Lance Granzow, Darrell Meyer, Angela De La Riva, Aaron Budweg, Thomas Craighton, Taylor Roll, Michael Pearce, and Angela Silvey. Attending via Zoom: Dave McDaniel, Justin Ites, Laura Cunningham, Mark Buschkamp, Rocky Reents, Shane Glinski, Tifani Eisentrager, Lori Kadner, Matt Jones, Megan Harrell, Pauline Lloyd, and Julie Duhn.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the February 3, 2021 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Update:

Thomas Craighton, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported on acoustic panel installation, snow guard bids, an upcoming budget hearing, and PPE delivery. In addition, jury selection will resume in the EOC Building, and Craighton thanked Property Management staff for their prep work.

Public Health Update:

Rocky Reents, Public Health Coordinator, reported on COVID-19 case numbers and vaccine administration.

Utility Permits:

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve Utility Permit No. UT-21-001, submitted by Lumen (Century Link). Utility Permit No. UT-21-001 is on file in the Engineer's Office.

Secondary Roads:

County Engineer Taylor Roll reported the transmission on one of the motorgraders is shot.

Public Comments:

Pauline Lloyd commented on a later agenda item, the letter of support for House File 216.

Julie Duhn requested the public comments portion of meetings be returned to the end of the agenda.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the contract for the resurfacing project on County Highway D55, from U.S. Highway 65 to County Highway S55, Project No. STBG-SWAP-C042(107)—FG-42. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" McClellan, Granzow, and Hoffman. "Nays" None. Motion carried.

Angela De La Riva, County Economic Development Director, presented on House File 216, proposed legislation to set up a grant program for the demolition of vacant school buildings, and the following action was taken:

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve sending a letter of support regarding House File 216 to the state legislature. McClellan then moved, Granzow seconded to amend the motion to direct De La Riva to prepare the letter. Motion carried on both items.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to accept the resignation of Royle Duncan as Alden Township Trustee. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the appointment of Scott Ellingson as Alden Township Trustee, replacing Duncan. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the Auditor's Monthly Report for January 2021. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the Sheriff's Monthly Report for January 2021. Motion carried.

McClellan moved to approve the promotion and pay increase for Michael Pearce, Network Engineer, to a salary of \$47,500/year, effective 02/26/2021. The motion died for a lack of a second.

McClellan then moved, Granzow seconded to approve the promotion and pay increase for Michael Pearce, Network Engineer, to a salary of \$44,000/year, effective 02/26/2021, and to \$47,500/year, effective 07/01/2021. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the hiring of Ann Larson, Motor Vehicle/Driver's License Clerk, at a rate of \$17.44/hour, effective 02/08/2021. After a 90-day probation period, Larson is eligible for a payrate not to exceed \$17.94/hour. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Granzow acknowledged the late start to the meeting was due to a Conference Board meeting running over its allotted time.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m. Hoffman reconvened the meeting for a budget work session with County Auditor Jolene Pieters. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. Also present: Supervisors McClellan and Granzow; and Angela Silvey.

Pieters reviewed her department's proposed budget for FY 2021/2022. Discussion topics included paying the drainage clerk's salary from the General Supplemental Fund rather than Rural Services, wages, polling sites, staff training, and election costs.

Hoffman requested feedback on CICS recommendations on regional employees' salaries. All three supervisors expressed opposition to recommended administrative staff increases.

The Supervisors then reviewed their proposed budget. Discussion ensued on mileage rates, HVAC loan payment, and LOST fund balances.

At 12:52 p.m. County Economic Development Director Angela De La Riva entered the meeting. LOST funds available for economic development was discussed.

Pieters will obtain LOST fund balances and meet with the Board at a later date to evaluate the FY 2021/2022 budget in whole.

At 12:58 p.m. McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

/s/ Jolene Pieters  
Jolene Pieters  
Hardin County Auditor