

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES – AUGUST 29, 2018  
WEDNESDAY – 10:00 A.M.  
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

At 8:00 a.m. the Department Head/Elected Officials meeting was called to order with the following in attendance: BJ Hoffman, Reneé McClellan, Lance Granzow, Micah Cutler, Taylor Roll, Bernie Koehrsen, Darrell Meyer, Jody Mesch, Don Knoell, Machel Eichmeier, Linn Adams, Dave McDaniel, Jessica Lara, and Judge Haney.

The Department Heads reported current happenings in individual departments. Next, Judge Haney discussed Courthouse security and reviewed his annual assessment form and noted that funds are available for security and applauded the County on training efforts and consideration of additional security measures. Jody Mesch discussed the timeline in which the HVAC system replacement would be progressed, and discussion of a vestibule and conference room remodeling was discussed. Budget planning was discussed, and Hoffman asked that leaders start looking at upcoming budget items and plan for late November or early December budget meetings and that Auditor Lara would provide the worksheets after election matters are finished. Hoffman discussed the pending revisions to the employee handbook and that Attorney Galloway will be meeting to discuss revisions with the Board in the near future. Finally, the next department head meeting was scheduled for October 31, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

At 10:00 a.m. Chair BJ Hoffman called the meeting to order. Also present were Supervisors Lance Granzow and Reneé McClellan; and Dr. Kale Floyd, Marla Williams, Mark Bushkamp, Julie Towne, Dave Rubow, Dave McDaniel, Micah Cutler, Jessica Sheridan, Pauline Lloyd, Bob Juber, Donna Juber, Angela De La Riva, Taylor Roll, Bernie Koehrsen, Dave Dunn, Dave Mitchell, Jessica Lara, Justin Ites, Rob Maharry, Janeice Murra, Wes Wiese, Julie Duhn, Marian Kuper and Nancy Lauver.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Public Comments:

Mark Bushkamp, new IFADC Director, introduced himself to the Board.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the minutes of August 22, 2018. “Ayes” Granzow and Hoffman. “Nays” None. Abstain: McClellan. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the August 29, 2018 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Utility Permits:

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the utility permit application submitted by Aureon for the purpose of boring and burying fiber along Co Hwy D25, from the Hardin/Hamilton County line east to Co Hwy S27, then south along S27 to Co Hwy D25, then continuing east as D25 becomes 170<sup>th</sup> St, and ending at OO Avenue. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the utility permit application submitted by Aureon for the purpose of boring and burying fiber along OO Avenue from 170<sup>th</sup> Street south to Co Hwy D35, then east along Co Hwy D35 to Co Hwy S56, then north along Co Hwy S56 to 185<sup>th</sup> Street, then east on 185<sup>th</sup> Street to the Hardin/Grundy County line. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the Hardin County utility permit application by Midland Power Cooperative for the purpose of boring the road to replace

overhead wire with underground at 29727 225<sup>th</sup> Street, Eldora, located in Section 1, Pleasant Township. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the utility permit application by Midland Power Cooperative for the purpose of boring in a new single phase underground wire across the road and into a grain bin at 16650 County Highway D47, located in Sections 11 & 14, Sherman Township. Motion carried.

Joining the meeting via phone was Sue Cosner from the Iowa Area Development Group, and Dave Rubow, Eldora Industrial Development, and Dr. Kale Floyd, regarding the Fulfilling Iowa's Need for Dentist (FIND) Program applications. The following action was taken:

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve \$5,000 of funding to applicants for Fulfilling Iowa's Need for Dentists (FIND) program at \$1,000/year over a five-year period. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" None. "Nays" McClellan, Granzow, and Hoffman. Motion failed.

Granzow then moved, McClellan seconded to approve Dr. Kale Floyd's \$1,000 for five years commitment totaling \$5,000 for the FIND Program. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve Dr. Bryn Johnson's FIND Program commitment to be \$1,500 for the first year, followed by \$1,000, \$1,000, \$1,000 and \$500 for the last year. Motion carried.

Chair Hoffman announced that Ronnie Mullins from NRP was unable to attend today's meeting to provide an update, but sent an update to Chair Hoffman, which was shared.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the end of seasonal employment for Nathan Pauli, Conservation Department, effective 8/23/2018. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the end of seasonal employment for Blaine Becker, Conservation Department, effective 8/22/2018. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the end of seasonal employment for Daniel Schreur, Conservation Department, effective 8/23/2018. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the pay increase for Cody Barloon, Natural Resource Tech, Conservation Department, to \$36,000 effective 9/1/2018. Motion carried.

Conservation Director, Wes Wiese, announced there will be a grand opening of the new museum at Calkins Nature Center on October 20, 2018.

VA Director, Bernie Koehrsen, and Greenbelt Home Care Administrator Julie Towne appeared before the Board to discuss acquiring a van for Veterans Affairs and GBHC. No action was necessary at this time.

Discussion was held on the proposal for a public measure regarding LOST Fund allocation, and the following action was taken:

Where upon Board Member Granzow moved that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-30  
PROPOSAL FOR PUBLIC MEASURE INITIATIVE RE: LOST FUND  
ALLOCATION**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a local sales tax benefiting the unincorporated area of the county of Hardin; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an increasing need for maintenance and repair and construction of secondary roads, bridges and drainage structures in the unincorporated areas of the county of Hardin; and

**WHEREAS**, the county of Hardin is limited in ways and means to raise additional funds for maintenance and repair and construction of secondary roads, bridges and drainage structures in the unincorporated areas of the county of Hardin:

**WHEREAS**, the voters most effected by the allocation of the local sales tax should be given the opportunity to decide how the local sales tax funds should be allocated;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Hardin County, Iowa, that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors and the Auditor of Hardin County, Iowa, are hereby authorized and directed to place on the November 6, 2018, general ballot the following Public Measure:

**PUBLIC MEASURE G:**

The use of the 1% local sales and services tax shall be changed in the unincorporated area of the county of Hardin effective July 1, 2019.

**PROPOSED USES OF THE TAX:**

If the change is approved, revenues from the sales and services tax shall be allocated as follows:

- 40% for property tax relief in the unincorporated area of the county of Hardin.
- 40% for maintenance, repair and construction of Hardin County secondary roads, bridges and drainage structures, excluding labor, equipment and tools;
- 10% for Capital Improvements, Maintenance, and Equipment;
- 10% for Economic Development and Community Betterment; and other lawful purposes of the County related thereto.

**CURRENT USES OF THE TAX:**

Revenues from the sales and services tax are currently allocated as follows:  
80% for property tax relief in the unincorporated area of the county of Hardin;  
10% for Capital Improvements, Maintenance and Equipment;  
10% for Economic Development and Community Betterment; and other lawful purposes of the County related thereto.

Vote “YES” to adopt the proposed change, and “NO” to reject the proposed change.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES

\_\_\_\_\_ NO

The motion was seconded by Board Member McClellan and after due consideration thereof, the roll was called and the following Board Members voted:

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| Ayes:    | Granzow, McClellan, and Hoffman |
| Nays:    | None                            |
| Absent:  | None                            |
| Abstain: | None                            |

Whereupon, the Chair of the Board of Supervisors declared said Resolution duly passed and adopted this 29th day of August, 2018.

/s/ BJ Hoffman

BJ Hoffman, Chair  
Board of Supervisors

Attest:

/s/ Jessica Lara

Jessica Lara  
Hardin County Auditor

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the IDOT Federal-Aid Agreement for a Federal Recreational Trails Program (FRTP) Project. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to acknowledge receipt of the DNR's determination – Meints Home Finisher Farm Site, Section 24, Clay Township. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the hiring of Lily Kies, IRVM Department, temporary/seasonal/part-time, on as-needed basis, at \$11.00/hour effective 8/24/2018. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the end of seasonal employment for Samuel Romig, IRVM Department, effective 8/24/2018. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the hiring of Luke Davison, permanent/part-time, Roadside Vegetation Specialist, IRVM Department, effective 8/24/2018 at \$15.45/hour. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center 28E Agreement. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve Ahlers & Cooney for Union negotiations. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to disallow the ineligible Disabled Veteran Homestead Tax Credit for 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

Other Business:

County Engineer Taylor Roll provided a departmental update to the Board.

Marla Williams addressed the Board on the Medical Examiner Investigator Services Agreement that was previously tabled. This item will be on next week's agenda.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn until September 5, 2018. Motion carried.

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BJ Hoffman, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

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Jessica Lara  
Hardin County Auditor