

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES – JANUARY 27, 2021  
WEDNESDAY - 9:00 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 in attendance were Supervisors Reneé McClellan and Lance Granzow; and Dave McDaniel, Justin Ites, Kendra Veld, Curt Groen, Roger Sutton, Megan Harrell, Julie Duhn, Machel Eichmeier, Elaine Loring, Angela De La Riva, Lori Kadner, Marian Kuper, Donna Juber, Bob Juber, Rocky Reents, Shane Glinski, Mark Buschkamp, Abby Flatness, Laura Cunningham, Michael Pearce, Taylor Roll, Jolene Pieters, Darrell Meyer, Jessica Sheridan, and Angela Silvey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the minutes of January 13, 2021; January 20, 2021; and January 21, 2021.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the January 27, 2021 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Update: No report.

Public Health Update:

Rocky Reents, Public Health Coordinator, reported on COVID-19 case numbers and vaccine administration. An online form was created for people to be placed on a list to be notified when more vaccine is available.

Utility Permits:

Utility Permit No. UT-21-001 submitted by Lumen (Century Link) was tabled until 02/03/2021.

Secondary Roads:

County Engineer Taylor Roll advised that asphalt bids came in at a good price.

Public Comments:

Kendra Veld commented on vaccine administration and Hubbard Medical Center not being selected to provide vaccine to its patients.

Julie Duhn stated she would prefer to receive her vaccination from her health care provider.

Rocky Reents responded that she understood providers' concerns, but with so few vaccine doses allocated to the county, Public Health is doing its best.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded that the following Resolution No. 2021-08, Construction Evaluation Resolution, be adopted. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Granzow, McClellan, and Hoffman. "Nays" None. Resolution No. 2021-08 is hereby adopted as follows:

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

**RESOLUTION #2021-08**

**CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt or re-adopt a "construction evaluation resolution" relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

**WHEREAS**, only counties that have adopted or re-adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to

approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

**WHEREAS**, only counties that have adopted or re-adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR's decision regarding a specific application; and

**WHEREAS**, by adopting or re-adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2021 and January 31, 2022 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

**WHEREAS**, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board's recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix as provided by law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HARDIN COUNTY** that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3). The Hardin County Auditor shall before January 31, 2021, provide a copy of this resolution to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Bldg, 502 East 9th Street, 4th Floor, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034.

/s/ BJ Hoffman

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Date: 1/27/2021

ATTEST:

/s/ Jolene Pieters

County Auditor

Date: 01/27/2021

As it was discovered an appointment made to the Condemnation Board on 01/20/2021 was a duplicate appointment, McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to amend the motion appointing Troy McDonald to the Condemnation Board for an unexpired term, striking the appointment. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to set March 2, 2021 at 4:30 p.m., for the deadline to receive audit proposals and award the contract for audit services for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2021, 2022, and 2023. Granzow then moved, McClellan seconded to amend the motion to change the contract award date from March 2 to March 3, 2021. Motion carried on both items.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the payment for the vaccination clinic held during the employee immunization and wellness fair from the Employee Health Plan Account. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Hoffman thanked the City of Eldora for its efforts removing snow around the courthouse square.

Jessica Sheridan, Environmental Health Specialist, addressed comments received via Chat.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 12:30 p.m. Hoffman reconvened the meeting. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. Also in attendance were Supervisors McClellan and Granzow; and Darrell Meyer, Michael Pearce, and Angela Silvey.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(g) and (h) to discuss matters of law enforcement or criminal investigation. Roll Call

Vote: “Ayes” McClellan, Granzow, and Hoffman. “Nays” None. Motion carried. The Board entered closed session at 12:30 p.m.

Following discussion, Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to return to open session. “Ayes” McClellan, Granzow, and Hoffman. “Nays” None. Motion carried. Closed session ended at 12:59 p.m.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 1:02 p.m. Hoffman reconvened the meeting. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. Also in attendance: Supervisors McClellan and Granzow; and Taylor Nederhoff, Darrell Meyer, Michael Pearce, and Angela Silvey.

The meeting was held to follow up on Ellsworth Neighborhood Investment Group’s (ENIG’s) request to attain tax relief on a building destroyed in 2016.

County Attorney Darrell Meyer argued that ENIG did not obtain a demolition permit from the City, which would have triggered the City to inform the County, and that it is disputed whether anyone in the Assessor’s Office was notified of the demolition so they could send out paperwork. Also, seeing as ENIG did not appeal its notice of assessment on the property in a timely manner, Meyer felt ENIG was at a legal dead end.

Attorney Taylor Nederhoff stated he was confident former assessor Don Knoell received email correspondence from an ENIG representative regarding the destroyed building. Nederhoff agreed to gather the emails and present them to the Board.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

The Board did not enter closed session, and no further action was taken.

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

/s/ Jolene Pieters  
Jolene Pieters  
Hardin County Auditor