

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – OCTOBER 26, 2022
WEDNESDAY – 9:00 A.M.
EOC TRAINING ROOM

Board Chair BJ Hoffman called the meeting to order. Supervisors Lance Granzow and Renee McClellan were present. Also in attendance: Taylor Roll, Darrell Meyer, Dave McDaniel, Michael Pearce, Machel Eichmeier, Thomas Craighton, Jolene Pieters, and Alison Campbell. Attending via Zoom: Lori Kadner, Cheryl Lawrence, Curt Groen, Elaine Loring, Mike Hohenbrink, Donna Juber, and Julie Duhn.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the minutes from October 19, 2022. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the claims for payment for October 26, 2022. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve \$600.00 funding for the Soil Compaction Project. Hoffman stated that this a project that ISAC is working on that will do some soil compaction studies regarding the proposed carbon pipeline projects. Attorney Meyer stated that the studies being done by Iowa State University and ISAC and the Association of County Supervisors have contracted to do this and are asking for a voluntary contribution from counties. It will provide good information for landowners and the counties. The data set will be public once published. Granzow stated that will also help with drainage. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Granzow, McClellan, Hoffman. “Nays” none. Absent: None. Motion carried.

At 9:02 a.m. the Public Hearing opened to vacate a portion of TT Avenue, Section 7, T88N, R19W. Engineer Roll stated that this is a dead-end road, and the portion is owned by one person, and they own the land on each side of the road. There were no public comments.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried.

The Public Hearing was closed at 9:07 a.m.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve Resolution 2022-39, Resolution to Vacate a County Road. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Granzow, McClellan, Hoffman. “Nays” none. Absent: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2022-39 is hereby adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION TO VACATE A COUNTY ROAD
Hardin County
Resolution No. 2022-39

WHEREAS, A public hearing was conducted on October 26th, 2022 following a publication and service of notice as required by law on the proposed vacation and closure of a section of Hardin County Secondary Road, described as follows:

That portion of road now known as TT Avenue, originally established on April 7, 1933. (See Supervisor's Minutes Book I, page 250) all lying in Section 7, T88N, R19W of Hardin County, Iowa.

The intention of this road closure is to vacate the entire segment of TT Avenue public road right-of-way lying in Section 7, T88, R19W, except the south 200.00 feet.

Easement access rights shall be granted to all existing utilities on said described road vacation to allow access to their current facilities, now and in the future, for maintenance, repair, patrol, operation, and reconstruction to said facilities.

WHEREAS, No objections have been received, either in writing or by persons present.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Hardin County Board of Supervisors that the subject section be ordered vacated and closed.

Passed and adopted this 26th day of October 2022.

/s/ BJ Hoffman

BJ Hoffman, Chairperson or Vice Chair
County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/ Jolene Pieters
Jolene Pieters
Hardin County Auditor

October 26, 2022
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Thomas Craighton discussed the radio infrastructure in the county. He stated that this came from the 911 Service Board. He stated that our current radio system is approximately 12-15 years old and is starting to experience some failures. We are the only county around that has VHF radio for all our communications. He discussed the systems used by surrounding counties and that we are not able to communicate with those counties. The 911 Service Board is looking into a consultant firm to investigate the needs of the county. The consultant would be approximately \$50,000. The 911 Service Board does not want to commit to the consultant until the Board of Supervisors would decide to commit to a bond to obtain a new radio infrastructure. Sheriff McDaniel stated that currently we are not able to have direct contract with other counties or state agencies. Some of the pros and cons of using a consultant was discussed. The possible bond would be for minimal equipment for each department throughout the county. Thomas stated that the 911 Service Board gave each agency \$2,000 this fiscal year to upgrade their radios/pagers which are currently \$400/\$1,000 respectively. The 911 Service Board will engage with the consultant and the bond will be determined by the results from the consultant. Thomas stated that the upgraded equipment will be much more expensive, and it will be difficult for the individual communities to afford. Granzow stated that he would like additional information.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the estimate for \$7,250.00 to upgrade the LED lighting in the EOC building from Forgy Electric. Thomas Craighton will investigate Alliant Energy rebates. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Granzow, McClellan, Hoffman. “Nays” none. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the application to use the courthouse grounds by the Eldora Public Library November 22, 2022 to November 30, 2022 for the Christmas Festival Storywalk. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the increase in compensation to Bowman and Miller, PC. They have not submitted any amounts yet for the Uniform Guidance Audit which is above their yearly fee due to their increase in work due to Federal Grant funds expended.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the Veteran’s Affairs quarterly report. Motion carried. Motion carried.

Other business: Treasurer Eichmeier stated that delinquent statements will be going out November 1, 2022. Thomas Craighton stated that the Sheriff’s office and local police departments and himself are busy doing Homeland Security school assessments to enable those schools to receive their \$50,000 upgrades for safety and security through the Governor’s School Initiative. Engineer Roll stated that they are done with their big projects for the year. Auditor Pieters stated that in-person absentee voting continues, and the Auditor’s office will be open Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the last day for in-person absentee voting is Monday, November 7th.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

BJ Hoffman or Vice-Chair
Board of Supervisors

Jolene Pieters
Hardin County Auditor