

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES – May 28, 2024  
MONDAY– 9:00 A.M.  
HARDIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

The Hardin County Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting at 9:00 AM on May 28, 2024, at the Hardin County Courthouse Large Conference Room in Eldora, Iowa.

Board members in attendance were Lance Granzow, BJ Hoffman, and Renee McClellan. Also attending: Ann Larson, Jolene Pieters, Taylor Roll, Deb Crosser, Steve Pence, Carey Callaway, Thomas Craighton, Mike May, Elaine Loring, and Irene McDermitt.

McClellan moved and Hoffman seconded the motion to approve the agenda. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved and McClellan seconded the motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 2024, and May 22, 2024. All Ayes. Motion carried.

McClellan moved and Hoffman seconded the motion to approve claims for payment for May 28, 2024. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved and McClellan seconded the motion to table the Rivers Edge Trail ATIIP Grant Application Resolution No. 2024-16. Discussion: Hoffman stated the reason the Board chose to table the resolution was due to Attorney Meyer believing that the last two paragraphs should be struck from the resolution and the long-term effects of the grant on the County. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Granzow. “Nays” McClellan and Hoffman. Motion failed. Resolution No. 2024-14 is as follows:

Rivers Edge Trail ATIIP Grant Application Resolution

Resolution in support of submitting an active transportation infrastructure investment program grant to the federal highway administration for funding the completion of the Iowa River’s Edge Trail

WHEREAS, the Iowa River’s Edge Trail (IRET) project aims to create a multi-use trail connecting the rural communities of Steamboat Rock, Eldora, Union, Gifford, Liscomb, Albion and Marshalltown, building upon over a decade of work and millions in prior investments; and

WHEREAS, the completion of the IRET is expected to stimulate tourism, job creation, and recreational opportunities in rural north central Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the IRET serves as a significant public recreation and active transportation project, improving access to regional destinations and promoting public health in the region; and

WHEREAS, Hardin County recognizes the immense value of completing the IRET as a regionally significant infrastructure investment and national tourist destination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Hardin County hereby expresses its full support for the completion of the Iowa River’s Edge Trail and endorses the 2024 ATIIP grant application requesting \$12,000,000 in funding to finalize the project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hardin County pledges to collaborate with relevant stakeholders and provide any necessary assistance to ensure the success of the IRET project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the appropriate grant authorities, project organizers, and other relevant stakeholders to signify Hardin County's unwavering support for the Iowa River's Edge Trail.

Hoffman moved and McClellan seconded the motion to table the Rivers Edge Trail ATIIP Grant Application Resolution No. 2024-16. All Ayes. Motion carried.

McClellan moved and Hoffman the motion to approve the Resignation of Mike Broer as Ellis Township Clerk. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved and McClellan seconded the motion to approve the change of status in the Sheriff's Office for the discharge of Blake Munro as a part-time deputy, effective May 20, 2024. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved and McClellan seconded the motion to approve the change of status in the Sheriff's Office for the hiring of Heather Stacey at an hourly rate of \$21.03 as permanent part-time Dispatch, effective May 22, 2024. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved and McClellan seconded the motion to approve the change of status in the Conservation Department for the hiring of Connor Wise at an hourly rate of \$12.00 as temporary/seasonal part-time Intern for Calkins, effective May 28, 2024. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved and McClellan seconded the motion to approve the change of status in the Conservation Department for the resignation of Laura Carr as an Administrative Assistant, effective June 05, 2024. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Other Business: Steve Pence, Deb Crosser, Mike May, and Carey Callaway discussed the hurdles they are facing with the route of the trail, finances, and fund raising involved in completing the trail. Pence stated they are asking for a letter of support from the County. Pence stated the donations from Hardin County are up to 300,000.00 and the goal is 500,000.00. Callaway stated that hoping to get the county, city, and fair boards to all work together to get the trail completed.

Hoffman stated that it was brought to his attention regarding issues with the storm sirens. Hoffman stated every community is responsible for their own storm sirens and the county is not responsible for anything regarding the storm sirens. Craighton stated they had RC Systems come and do a work around with a backup system, until they receive the part to fix the siren.

Public Comments: None

McClellan moved and Hoffman seconded the motion to adjourn. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

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Lance Granzow, Chair or Vice-Chair  
Board of Supervisors

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Ann Larson  
Board of Supervisors Assistant  
Hardin County Auditor Designee