

**HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES – DECEMBER 21, 2022  
WEDNESDAY – 8:30 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: Beth Miller, Darrell Meyer, and Jolene Pieters. Attending via Zoom: Lori Kadner, Donna Juber, and Julie Duhn.

Beth Miller, Auditor with Bowman and Miller, PC, presented the results from the FY2021/2022 Audit. Beth stated that due to increased Federal Grants received by the County, a required Uniform Guidance audit is required for every year that \$750,000 or over is spent from Federal grants received. FY2021/2022 was due to the recreation trails program and future years will be primarily due to ARPA funds received and spent.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

At 9:03 a.m. Board Chair BJ Hoffman called the regular Board of Supervisors meeting to order. Supervisors Lance Granzow and Renee McClellan were present. Also in attendance: Taylor Roll, Darrell Meyer, Thomas Craighton, Jolene Pieters, Joan Grothoff, Lisa Littschwager, and Laura Newby. Attending via Zoom: Lori Kadner, Connie Mesch, Cheryl Lawrence, Machel Eichmeier, Curt Goren, Elaine Loring, Mike, and Lisa (no last names established).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the minutes from December 14, 2022. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the claims for payment for December 21, 2022. Motion carried.

Joan Grothoff - Eldora Library, Lisa Littschwager - Alden Library, and Laura Newby - Union Library presented the statistics of the public using the libraries and the many activities and services the Hardin County Libraries provide to the residents of Hardin County. The Supervisors expressed their appreciation for what the libraries do throughout the County for its residents. A copy of the report presented will be in the Auditor's office for anyone to look at.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve Resolution 2022-42, Resolution Authorizing County Engineer to Sign DOT Contract. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Granzow, McClellan, Hoffman. "Nays" none. Absent: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2022-42 is hereby adopted as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2022-42**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the project BROS-SWAP-C042(110)-FE-42, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Hardin County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as replacing County Bridge 15301 located on T Avenue over Honey Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Hardin County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from Peterson Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$649,706.70 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Hardin County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Taylor Roll, the Engineer for Hardin County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

Dated at Eldora, Hardin County, Iowa, this 21st day of December 2022.

Board of Supervisors of Hardin County, Iowa

/s/ BJ Hoffman

/s/ Lance Granzow

/s/ Renee McClellan

ATTEST:

By /s/ Jolene Pieters

County Auditor

The Supervisors discussed Utility Permit fees for road crossings only. They asked County Attorney Meyer to draft the language for private utilities. No action was taken at this time.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the change of status for Janetta Buck, Veteran's Affairs Director for a pay increase due to completing her probationary period. Motion carried.

In other business: McClellan stated to stay off the roads if possible and that County Office Buildings will be closed Thursday December 22 due to inclement weather. A decision will be made Thursday regarding Friday's weather and if the

County Office Buildings will be open or closed. The Supervisors wished a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to everyone. They reminded everyone that the County Office Buildings will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 26th and 27th, 2022 for the Christmas Holiday. Attorney Meyer reminded everyone that the Judicial Branch will not be closed on Tuesday & the Clerk of Court's office will be open that day.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

At 10:00 a.m. the Supervisors met for a work session on Boards and Commissions and Department updates. Supervisors BJ Hoffman, Lance Granzow, and Renee McClellan were present. Also attending: Darrell Meyer, Deb Crosser, Tam Elerding, Mark Buschkamp, and Aaron Budweg. Zoom attendance was not provided.

Deb Crosser, Tam Elerding, and Mark Buschkamp gave a work overview of the three-day Economic Engineering meeting held at the EOC building. They presented the Board with a booklet and power point presentation. This presentation was prepared to also take on the road to present to other organizations. Deb stated that this program could potentially be used as a role model for the rest of the State of Iowa. Hardin County is the only county in the state that is doing this type of project. The presentation booklet will be in the Auditor's office for anyone interested.

The Board worked on updates to the Boards and Commissions for the county.

The work session ended at 12:00 p.m.

/s/ BJ Hoffman

BJ Hoffman, Chair or Vice-Chair

Board of Supervisors

/s/ Jolene Pieters

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