

August 11, 2020

The Page County Board of Supervisors met in session on this 11th day of August 2020, with Chuck Morris, Jon Herzberg, and Alan Armstrong present. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board approved the agenda. Present from the public were Jacob Holmes, Judy Kennedy, Angie Dow, Brenda Esaias, and Tim Johnson. Attending via zoom were Alan Armstrong, Lisa Nelson, Darin Sunderman, Ryan Matheny, and Sandy Parmenter.

The board discussed the COVID-19. Jess Erdman, Public Health Director, stated cases have been increasing. There was a situation this weekend that warranted extensive work over the weekend. Erdman stated contact tracing is time consuming. Some individuals are willing to work with public health, while others are not. Erdman stated quarantine is 14 days from the last day of exposure. Erdman stated she does not encourage individuals to test unless they have been exposed, or wait until 8 to 10 days after exposure. Erdman stated she is working towards a resolution with different businesses to encourage citizens and businesses to recommend wearing a mask. Morris stated Page County Board of Health has not chosen to fine individuals if they choose not to quarantine. Nordhues stated Erdman provided more masks for the door, in case individuals forget. Morris stated if individuals have their own mask, they need to bring it.

On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to approve Resolution 31-2020 Requesting Reimbursement from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund. Grebert is working with FEMA regarding the application process.

RESOLUTION #31-2020

RESOLUTION REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE IOWA COVID-19 GOVERNMENT RELIEF FUND

A resolution by Page County to request reimbursement for eligible costs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress approved the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide economic relief related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, Governor Kim Reynolds allocated \$125 million of the State of Iowa's CARES Act funding to local governments for direct expenses incurred in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

WHEREAS, local government funding reimbursements may only be used for necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic, were not accounted for in the current fiscal year county budget, were incurred during the time period of March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020 and have not been reimbursed from other sources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Page County requests reimbursement of \$191,526.65 in eligible expenditures in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Page County affirms that the above requests for reimbursement follow all formal published Federal and State of Iowa guidance on how the funds should be spent, and understand if the reimbursements are misrepresented, the local government will be liable for any applicable penalty and interest.

HEREBY RESOLVED but the Board of Supervisors for Page County on this 11th day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:

Melissa Wellhausen
Page County Auditor

Chuck Morris
Jon W. Herzberg
Page County Board of Supervisors

King gave a roads update. Blades are out in all districts. Rock trucks are out, and the spray patcher is on B Avenue by Sleepy Hollow. Shoulder work is being completed on J-64. The pipe crew is working on 200th Street. The oil supply has been replenished. Motorgrader #2 and #7 have been in the shop for work. Dump trailer #26 had new breaks put on. The G-27 bridge has rock on the road. The erosion control people were in. EWP project #5 is out for bid, and letting scheduled for the 20th of August. Project #3, site 8 is the last site to develop. It is out to contractors but requires DNR approval because it is a new project. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to approve the contract award for EWP Project #4 (PN# L-CO73(EWP19-P4)-73-73) to A.M. Cohron & Sons, Inc for Weir Repair work on Sites 9 and 10. Herzberg, aye, Armstrong, aye, Morris, aye. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Morris stated there was a joint meeting with the Board of Health last week to discuss additional staffing. The Board of Health provided one solution, which was to promote Diamond Erickson from part-time from full-time. Morris stated the benefit package is not reimbursable under the CARES

Act. He stated he struggles with adding an employee and then possibly taking benefits away later. Armstrong stated he sees the need to increase Diamond to full-time. Armstrong still feels there are many what-ifs, but with the Board of Health's cooperation, it needs to happen. On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board approved to move Diamond Erickson from part-time to full-time. Morris stated increasing Diamond to full-time adds approximately 10 hours of work, plus additional benefit expenses. Morris questions if increasing Diamond to full-time solves the short-term COVID needs. Morris would like to see the part-time pool of potential candidates exhausted first before increasing Diamond to full-time. He feels like when school starts, there is going to be a need for additional assistance. Morris stated the \$25,000 that is being put towards benefits could go much further towards part-time staffing. Morris, nay, Herzberg, aye, Armstrong, aye. Motion carried 2 to 0. Holmes stated he agreed with Morris and felt hiring part-time employees made more sense than hiring one employee for an additional 10 hours of work and the expense of benefits. Holmes felt the \$25,000 could go much further towards part-time help. Dow stated tax statements are hitting the mail today.

Armstrong stated the board received a letter from Dick Hunt regarding a meeting. Morris reached out to Renander and asked him to speak with Hunt directly regarding the reassessment. Due to COVID, many residents are concerned about other individuals coming into their home. It was also discussed that the Shenandoah Housing Authority would like to meet to discuss the low-rent housing issue. Morris will submit a letter recommending Armstrong to the Board of Directors for ISAC.

On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve the minutes from August 4, 2020.

Grebert stated he secured funding to purchase a new 2020 Dodge Ram for EMA. There was a 50/50 grant match. He was also able to secure a drone that was a 50/50 grant match. Grebert stated he is a licensed drone pilot now.

On a motion by Armstrong, the board moved to adjourn and will meet again Tuesday, August 18, 2020.

Chuck Morris, Chairman

Melissa Wellhausen

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