

July 21, 2020

The Page County Board of Supervisors met in session on this 21st day of July 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, Brenda Esaias, Angie Dow, Tim Johnson, Jess Erdman, Brandy Powers, and Jane Stimson. Attending via zoom were Ryan Matheny, Sandy Parmenter, Lisa Nelson, Hannah Pawelczyk, Mark Zaconne, JD king, Melissa Wellhausen, Ryan Urkoski, Jared Lock, Katelyn Holmes, and Lyle Palmer.

Erdmann gave a COVID update. Page County has seen an uptick in the number of positive cases, as we are currently at 32. The majority of these new positive cases came from an event that took place in the county. Erdman encourages everyone to continue wearing masks and keeping a six-foot distance. Erdman stated at the Board of Health meeting Monday night, board member Chuck Nordyke discussed the increase in Test Iowa testing, and he feels like they will be busy this week. The CDC is discussing new guidance regarding the number of days a symptomatic person should be isolated. Darin Sunderman and Kalen Fulk joined the meeting. The area schools return to learn plans have pretty much been decided, but they will need to be re-evaluated now that Governor Reynold's is now pushing brick and mortar. Morris thanked Erdman for all she has been doing. Morris asked the other department heads if they had anything to add at this time regarding COVID. Esaias stated things are going well. Dow stated that although the courthouse is open to the public, her office will continue to issue driver's licenses by appointment only. Dow states this was not COVID related but realized how much more efficient they are with this process, as a result of booking appointments due to COVID. Dow stated currently they are scheduling out about 2 weeks, and they are able to book approximately 18 appointments a day. Morris asked about the Shenandoah Driver's License office, and Dow informed them that it is open by appointment only for issuance and testing but not for driving tests.

King gave a roads update. Rain interfered with operations Monday. There are two to three trucks hauling rock and hopefully today the motor grader operators will be back in their trucks in their districts. The pipe crew is building the headwall for 200th Street pipe. The spraypatcher is working on J55 near Braddyville and will be switching over to East River and B Ave. Truck #24 is being retrieved from Omaha. Services were performed on motor grader # 4, #8 and tandem #43 in the shop. The dirt crew was on site yesterday at G27 Bridge, and they are waiting for seeders on the Northboro Culvert. EWP Site 1 was weathered out, and Site 12 is complete. Project 4 Site 9 & 10 went out for bid last Thursday, and letting is scheduled for July 30th. The DOT letting is today for FM138. King stated they have received the July Road Use Tax. There is a small pavement maintenance project with a contract crew on M48 later this week. Morris asked King if they could set a date for rock experiments and testing gravel. They decided that approximately 30 days mid-August would give King adequate time to test the gravel and put the information together to present to the Board.

The board discussed the long-term door monitor. Tom Nordhues has been pulled from his safety position to monitor the door for the last several weeks. The board feels that with all of the projects currently going on in the county, he needs to be concentrating on his safety position. Morris would like to see about hiring 2 or 3 part time people, with one of them being the scheduler. Herzberg asked if anyone was still

on light duty. Morris stated not that he was aware of. The board asked Auditor Wellhausen to prepare and advertisement for this position. Armstrong discussed pay and the board decided to advertise the pay for this position at \$10 - \$12/hour. Janet Olsen joined the meeting. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Herzberg, the board approved the hiring of two to three part-time door monitors.

On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to approve the publication of the county farm bid. Herzberg stated these acres are not included in the farm rent acres. The farm rent contract will need to be adjusted for the additional two or three acres. The first bids will be taken to remove the trees and take the house down.

Janet Olsen, Veterans Affairs Executive Director, met with the board to present her annual report. The board discussed that there will be space available for use by Veterans Affairs in the Annex building in Clarinda, as well as their current space in Shenandoah.

Carl Sonksen, County Attorney, discussed with the board that Invenergy Contrail now has sold to Mid-American Energy. King stated communication has been good with Invenergy.

Kory Kline obtained several quotes for internet and phone services. The first quote is from Mediacom for \$510.45 per month. Windstream quoted \$1,106.33 a month for phone and internet. They are both very similar services. Mediacom has the lower quote. On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve the quote from Mediacom. This is a three-year price guarantee. The board would also like the doors relocked and rekeyed. The board would like signage added and the preschool signage removed. The board would like to paint the first floor of the annex. On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Morris, the board moved for Auditor Wellhausen to move forward with painters for the Annex.

The board opened the meeting for public comment. Jane Simson met with the board to discuss that she met with the Board of Health last night and stated the Board of Health did not feel there were any health concerns. She feels the decibels for the turbines needs to be addressed. The board stated the ordinance states 55 decibels could not be exceeded. Last night at the Board of Health meeting, Stimson questioned and it was discussed if individuals do not quarantine, the board of health may look into fining each individual. Katelyn Holmes stated it was discussed in the Board of Health meeting, and Chuck Morris and Lyle Palmer are supportive of fining individuals if they do not quarantine. Stimson stated she wishes the Board of Supervisors would take the same stance on wind turbines as the Board has taken with COVID-19. Sheriff Palmer stated he had received a comment Erdman. There are code sections that allow fines. He stated if the Board of Health wished to move forward with fines, he and the county attorney would move forward with looking into this. Holmes mentioned it would be a good idea to have secondary roads perform the work for the farm. The board stated that secondary roads bid was extremely high, and the time was not available to complete the work. Kalen Fulk questioned if secondary roads bids were so high, why the board does not contract more work out. The board stated they are still exploring money saving options for contracting work out.

On a motion by Herzberg, the board moved to adjourn. Motion failed.

On a motion from Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to

approve the minutes from July 14, 2020.

On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong with no further business, the board adjourned at 10:05 am and will meet again Tuesday, July 28, 2020.

Chuck Morris, Chairman

Melissa Wellhausen

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