

November 10, 2020

The Page County Board of Supervisors met in session on this 10th day of November 2020, with Jon Herzberg, Chuck Morris, and Alan Armstrong (via zoom) present. On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve the agenda. Attending via zoom are Lisa Nelson, Jess Erdman, Angie Dow, Brenda Esaias, Kris Grebert, Mike Peterson, and Whitney Grossoehme. Present from the public were John VanNostrand, Kalen Fulk, Jesse Stimson, Ryan Urkoski, Jacob Holmes, Ryan Matheny, Mark Zaccone, Gabe Klooster, and Jack Holmes.

Jess Erdman provided a COVID update. There are 1,019 current cases in Page County. The positivity rate is 33.6% for the last 14 days. There is substantial spread in the community. There are gathering restrictions now in place. If there are more than 100 people gathered outside, masks must be worn. Contact tracing has contained direct contacts for many people. Morris discussed mask mandates; three counties have now issued mask mandates. Morris stated more efforts are going to be needed to get this curve under control. Morris wanted to know what the board's thoughts were on a mask mandate. Armstrong stated his church has discontinued services due to the fact many individuals are not wearing masks. Armstrong would love to see the county issue a mask mandate but does not feel there is enforcement if individuals do not wear one. Herzberg as well feels a mask mandate is needed.

King gave a roads update. Rock trucks are hauling on 155th Street east of Highway 71. Blades are out in districts; there is moisture on the roads. Mowers are running. Brush cutting with the skid steer is taking place on M48 on Hackberry. The pipe crew is putting dirt north of 170th Street on N Avenue. The EWP projects are coming together. The annual conference for engineers is still scheduled for live and virtual in December.

Dennis Sunderman met with the engineer and Morris, and he asked the county to start plowing and maintaining the roads in Cherokee Ridge subdivision. Herzberg stated the board asked initially for it to be curbed and guttered and that was not done. Sunderman chose to rock the road. Herzberg stated then the board decided not to provide maintenance. Sunderman is asking for Cherokee Road and Chickasaw Road to be maintained by the county. King stated water runoff is a major issue, and there are eight entrances to houses. He stated the roadway would need reshaped. King would request for the homeowners to refigure the road. He stated there are other subdivisions that the county maintains, but those are through roads where other traffic passes through. Herzberg stated it would be a liability for Page County. King does not recommend the board accept this proposal, as there is no benefit to Page County and considerable liability at this point. King stated improvements to this stretch of road would only benefit the citizens living in this subdivision. King cautions the board to take on this road structure, as there will be expenses. King stated to put a motorgrader out there would be difficult at this time, due to the width of the roads, driveways, and power boxes. Morris would like to go out and meet with Dennis Sunderman to discuss what has been found. Herzberg stated if a grader cannot go through, there will be a major liability for the county. Armstrong stated the offer was made to the subdivision when it was built and at that time it was decided not to curb and build the road. Armstrong stated at this time it would be too expensive for the county to take it on.

The board started the canvass for the election.

Jesse Stimson met with the board and asked the Board of Supervisors to hold a meeting regarding issues with wind, since the board held a pro-wind meeting. He would like the board to hold it so both sides can be equally represented. Ryan Urokoski discussed with the board the 2008 ordinance. Urokoski questioned if the board had looked at the 2008 ordinance. Urokoski stated the 2019 ordinance was in favor of wind turbines. Urokoski also questioned how the pro-wind meeting was arranged if it was never on the agenda for discussion. He questioned whether the board is truly unbiased regarding wind. Morris stated he put the wind turbine meeting together. Fulk questioned if Morris is on the Rural Iowa Taskforce and if it is pro-wind. Morris stated it does not discuss wind turbines. Herzberg stated he does not feel it is government's place to decide who puts up turbines as it is the landowner's decision. If it is not the government's position, then Fulk asked why the Board of Supervisors held a pro-wind turbine meeting. On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve to hold a non-participating land rights forum. Herzberg, nay, Morris, nay, Armstrong, nay. Motion failed 3 to 0.

On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to go into closed session per Chapter 21.5.1.c. Herzberg, aye, Morris, aye, Armstrong, aye. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board returned from closed session. On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve the settlement for Ridnour. Herzberg, aye, Morris, aye, Armstrong, aye. Motion carried 3 to 0.

On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to approve the canvass as read for the November 3, 2020 General Election.

On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to approve the tax abatement on 300 Pine Street, Shenandoah, Iowa, (City of Shenandoah) 804 S. Center Street, Shenandoah, Iowa, (City of Shenandoah), 400 W. Glenn Miller Avenue, Clarinda, Iowa (Clarinda Regional Health Center), 74-08-31-111-140-000 (Page County), and 210 N 17th Street, Clarinda, Iowa 74-08-31-111-140-000 (Page County).

RESOLUTION #42-2020

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Page County, Iowa, sitting in session on this 10th day of November, 2020, that we hereby approve the abatement of all taxes on the following property owned by the City of Shenandoah:

The North 110 feet of Lot 85, in East Shenandoah, an Addition to the City of Shenandoah, Page County, Iowa.
Also known as Parcel #88-0520352115000 (300 Pine Street)

Dated this 10th day of November, 2020.

ATTEST:

Melissa Wellhausen
Page County Auditor

Chuck Morris
Alan Armstrong
Jon W. Herzberg
Page County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION #43-2020

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Page County, Iowa, sitting in session on this 10th day of November, 2020, that we hereby approve the abatement of all taxes on the following property owned by the City of Shenandoah:

Lots 102, 103 and 104 in Crippen's Addition, an Addition to the City of Shenandoah, Page County, Iowa.
Also known as Parcel #88-0519481210000 (804 S Center Street)

Dated this 10th day of November, 2020.

ATTEST:

Melissa Wellhausen
Page County Auditor

Chuck Morris
Alan Armstrong
Jon W. Herzberg
Page County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION #44-2020

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Page County, Iowa, sitting in session on this 10th day of November, 2020, that we hereby approve the abatement of all taxes on the following property owned by the Clarinda Regional Health Center:

Lot 2 (EXCEPT Lot 1 of Lot 2 & EXCEPT Parcel A therein) in Farrens' 3rd Addition, an Addition to the City of Clarinda, Page County, Iowa.

Also known as Parcel #97-1101377130000 (400 West Glenn Miller Avenue)

Dated this 10th day of November, 2020.

ATTEST:

Melissa Wellhausen
Page County Auditor

Chuck Morris
Alan Armstrong
Jon W. Herzberg
Page County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION #45-2020

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Page County, Iowa, sitting in session on this 10th day of November, 2020, that we hereby approve the abatement of all taxes on the following property owned by the Page County:

Lots 5 and 6, AND South Half of vacated alley adjoining same on North thereof, AND Vacated alley adjoining Lot 6 on East thereof, (EXCEPT that part of Parcel A therein as shown by Survey recorded as Document No. 20191843 in Office of County Recorder), All in Block 20 of Original Plat of City of Clarinda, Page County, Iowa;

AND

Lot 7 and West 10 feet of Lot 8 (EXCEPT that part of Parcel A therein as shown by Survey recorded as Document No. 20191843 in Office of County Recorder) in Block 20 of Original Plat of City of Clarinda, Page County, Iowa;

AND

East 60 feet of Lot 8 (EXCEPT that part of Parcel A therein as shown by Survey recorded as Document No. 20191843 in Office of County Recorder) in Block 20 of Original Plat of City of Clarinda, Page County, Iowa.

Also known as Parcels #74-0831111140000 & 74-0831111140001 (210 N 17th Street) (Page County Annex)

Dated this 10th day of November, 2020.

ATTEST:

Melissa Wellhausen
Page County Auditor

Chuck Morris
Alan Armstrong
Jon W. Herzberg
Page County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to adjourn and will meet again Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

Chuck Morris, Chairman

Melissa Wellhausen

Page County Board of Supervisors

Page County Auditor

November 12, 2020

The Page County Board of Supervisors met in session on this 12th day of November 2020, with Jon Herzberg, Chuck Morris, and Alan Armstrong (via zoom) present.

Present from the public were Jason Renander, John VanNostrand, Mitch Grossoehme, Jacob Holmes, Angie Dow, Brenda Esaias, Kory Kline, Jane Stimson, Craig Hill, Liz Stimson, Diane Kurtz, and Michael Kurtz. Attending the meeting via zoom were Jess Erdman, Chuck Nordyke, Chris Bergman, Carl Sonksen, Jason Lihs, Whitney Grossoehme, Kris Grebert, Ryan Matheny, and Heidi Hertensen. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to approve the agenda. Morris stated he apologizes; he thought he would have legal opinions, however, due to the holiday yesterday that was not possible. Morris stated first the Board of Health needs to make a recommendation for a mask mandate and hold a public hearing. Then the Board of Health makes a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for a mask mandate. The Board of Supervisors would then act upon it. Chuck Nordyke, Page County Board of Health Chair spoke to the board. Nordyke states wearing masks does help and decrease the spread. He stated a mandate would help educate the community on the issue. Morris stated for the three counties that have passed a mandate, their positivity rates are half of what Page County's is. Erdman stated there are more severe symptoms, and there has been more contact with other people. Nordyke stated having a mask on his a barrier. Morris stated wearing a mask is a way to decrease the spread and is not a civil rights issue. Sonksen stated it provides some moral persuasion to wear mask. Erdman stated this provides business owners with a greater ability to require individuals to wear masks. Morris stated this is health issue not a political issue. He stated this is more about neighbors helping neighbors. Armstrong stated it has a drastic impact on businesses. He stated several individuals often feel it

is about them not about others.

The board next moved to the courthouse operations. He asked if the department heads and elected officials had any specific comments regarding the current operating procedures. Morris stated if there are no recommendations by any department heads, the courthouse will continue to operate as is. Armstrong stated until cases within the courthouse need to be addressed, the board feels it is fine to continue to move forward as is.

On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve the minutes from October 27, 2020.

On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to adjourn and will meet again Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

Chuck Morris, Chairman

Page County Board of Supervisors

Melissa Wellhausen

Page County Auditor