

February 11, 2020

The Page County Board of Supervisors met in session on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020, with Chuck Morris, Alan Armstrong, and Jon Herzberg present. Present from the public were John VanNostrand, Daren Sunderman, Jason Renander, Tom Nordhues, Jacob Holmes, and Ed Burch.

Pete Stansbury provided a recap on the worker's compensation claims this year and provided the board with next year's projected premium, \$125,528. It will increase 18% from the prior year.

JD King met with the board to provide an update. Crews are cutting and stacking brush on 320<sup>th</sup> Street and Q Avenue, N Avenue, and D Avenue south of 230<sup>th</sup> Street. Sand is being hauled in. The base stabilization seal coat was discussed. The question was asked if the board would like to include the town of Northboro in the stabilization project. Morris requested King bring back a cost-estimate next week to include Northboro in the base stabilization. King will meet with FEMA tomorrow to discuss the projects that have been completed.

On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to approve the ARCSEARCH contract for the recorder and the auditor.

Herzberg stated he and Sheriff Palmer went down to the county farm, and Herzberg marked the trees that will be removed. The board will place a notice of timber sale in the paper. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to approve the notice of posting of bids for the walnut tree sales.

Gary Alger, with the VA Board, met with the board of supervisors. An employment contract was discussed regarding the VA executive director. On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve the employment contract for the VA Director beginning March 2, 2020.

Ed Burch discussed with the board the windmill set back and does not feel it is enough. He stated the setback needs to be further away.

The board moved upstairs to the Page Room. Jess Erdman, Kris Grebert, Kory Kline, Darin Sunderman, John VanNostrand, Tom Nordhues, Jon Herzberg, Dana Blaschko, Kim Bogatz, Shane Hoss, Chuck Morris, Alan Armstrong, Lyle Palmer joined the meeting. HGM Associates met with the board and different department heads regarding the space needs at the new Annex building. Public Health space was addressed first. Next, Kris Grebert went through the dispatch needs. HGM will go measure areas, lay out spaces, and then begin to start pricing renovations. HGM hopes to have a layout back by the 25<sup>th</sup> of February and then give the county a week to look at it. HGM would then like to have it back by the 10<sup>th</sup> of March and hold a meeting after 1 pm.

Jacob Holmes met with the board to discuss wind turbines. He discussed with the board that Donald Trump discussed wind turbines in his address last night. Holmes asked the board not to have outside conversations with the wind turbine company except in an open meeting. Holmes would like to ask for another windmill meeting in the future in the afternoon or evening. Holmes stated there is a need for another meeting. Morris stated if there is new information a meeting could be scheduled but without new information he is not interested in holding another meeting.

Carl Sonksen, County Attorney, met with the board to discuss the PILOT program. Sonksen stated continuing a mortgage does not constitute not paying the

PILOT payment. Sonksen recommended assessing the low rent housing authorities so if needed, they could be added to the tax roll.

Tom Nordhues met with the board and requested closed session per Chapter 21.5.1.(i) of the Code of Iowa. Motion to go into closed session, Herzberg, aye, Morris, aye, Armstrong, aye. Motion to go out of closed session, Herzberg, aye, Morris, aye, Armstrong, aye. No action was taken.

On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve the minutes from February 11, 2020.

With no further business, the board adjourned at 12:00 pm and will meet again Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

Chuck Morris, Chairman

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Melissa Wellhausen

Page County Auditor