

May 5, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the board met via conference call with the call originating out of the Page County IT office. Present were Jon Herzberg, Alan Armstrong, and Chuck Morris. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to approve the agenda. Present from the public were Kory Kline, John Schwab, Beth Steeve, Brenda Esaias, Angie Dow, John Van Nostrand, Ryan Matheny, Tom Nordhues, Kris Grebert, Jess Erdman, Lisa Nelson, Darin Sunderman, and JD King.

The board discuss the COVID-19 update. Recorder Esaias stated the abstractor is coming in on a daily basis and following the policy. Treasurer Dow stated it was busy and a new process to follow, which is a little overwhelming. Her office is currently allowing driver's license renewals for essential workers. John Schwab stated there has not been a lot of changes for Conservation. Schwab thinks the parks will open with limitations on May 15th. Jess Erdman, Public Health Director, stated the prison now has a case. Public health is keeping a close eye on that situation. Auditor Wellhausen stated that no one has voted in the office yet.

King provided the secondary roads update. He stated blades are out, and rock is being hauled. Pipe work is taking place on Teak Avenue and then will go to J53 next. The cold patching crew is working on J55, and the crew will also pull the magnet this week. Shoulder work will begin on 110th Street this week. Motorgrader #7 is in for service this week. The grading crew will begin on the G-27 bridge. EWP projects are being worked on. Planning and work has begun on EWP project 2 and project 1. The wind farm company has sent a road use policy that is similar to the agreement they used with Taylor County. King would like it on the agenda next week. King stated the crews will switch to four 10 hour days next week. The board discussed the budget amendment for secondary roads. King stated additional EWP projects will be included in the amendment this year. Secondary Roads revenues will increase \$1,950,000 and expenses will increase \$1,657,500. This will result in a difference of \$293,500. This will be the local match portion. Due to time, the board will re-visit this issue.

The Shenandoah Housing Authority was discussed. Carl Sonksen, Ray Aranza, Renee Riedel, and Kim Johnson joined the meeting. Sonksen went through the code regarding how low rent housing is to be taxed. Sonksen stated years ago Auditor Wellhausen made him aware that several of the entities were not making their low-rent housing payment to the county. Shenandoah stopped making payments and then Essex also stopped making payments. Sonksen stated he and Auditor Wellhausen had discussed how this impacts the school districts. Sonksen stated the payments need to resume to the county, or the entities need to be placed back on the tax roll. Aranza stated the Shenandoah Housing Authority is open to a discussion, but they currently have an agreement with the City of Shenandoah where a payment is made directly to the city. The board of supervisors stated they are trying to be fair and would prefer each low rent housing authority pay the county appropriately. Johnson stated in May 2016, the Shenandoah Housing Authority started paying the City of Shenandoah \$600 a month and stopped paying the county in 2010. Sonksen stated he recalls this change was due to a significant remodel at the Shenandoah entity, and then the housing authority stopped making payments. In 2010, the Shenandoah Housing Authority paid the county \$15,800. It made no payments from 2011 to 2015 and then in 2016 they

started paying \$7,200 directly to the City of Shenandoah. It was discussed that the pilot payment is 10% of the rent income minus utilities. Sonksen recommended that the county request a formal opinion from the attorney general's office regarding this issue. The board discussed they would like all the housing authorities to either follow the PILOT payment process or be returned to the tax roll.

On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve the minutes from April 28, 2020.

On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, with no further business, the board adjourned at 10:00 am and will meet again Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

Chuck Morris, Chairman

Melissa Wellhausen

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