

July 28, 2020

The Page County Board of Supervisors met in session on this 28th 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, tabling the resolution to delegate digital signing authority for FM(138) and approving the contract with Manatt's Inc for project FM-CO73(138)-55-73. Present from the public were Jacob Holmes, Judy Kennedy, Tim Johnson, John Schwab, Jason Renander. Attending via zoom were Ryan Matheny, Sandy Parmenter, Mark Zaconne, and JD King.

King gave an update. Blades are out on the gravel roads. Rock is being hauled, and mowers are not currently running. The contract pipe crew accomplished two sites. King stated the dirt crew is working on the A Avenue bridge. The culvert north of Northboro is open to traffic. The EWP project #4 will let on Thursday. Herzberg questioned what chemicals are being used to spray for weeds, because several farmers think what his being used is working and would like to use it as well. Morris wanted to know if A Avenue will open soon. King is not ready to project an opening date yet. Morris questioned J64 west of Coin and the edge rut there. King stated the road had the retriever solve the problem. There was also an issue with a level B road (260th Street) that Pat Eberly had called in on and whether a truck could get down the road for a cabin to receive propane.

Angie Dow, Brenda Esaias, Janet Olsen, Jess Erdman, Kris Grebert, and Carl Sonksen joined the meeting. Jess Erdman gave a COVID update. She stated we have 57 cases with 32 cases recovered. Morris and Armstrong commended all the department heads hard work during these unprecedented times. Lyle Palmer joined the meeting. Morris challenged all department heads to discuss what they learned during COVID and what, if needed, each department could do to reduce expenses. Grebert stated when this started, the county had very little PPE here in Page County. Grebert can work now from home if needed. Grebert stated working from home will save on fuel. It is harder to reduce expenses in dispatch, since staff is needed 24 hours a day. Dow stated her office learned to let customers know their options for payments and renewals, and that there are online options. Dow stated that her office learned by making appointments for driver's license, it is more efficient. Dow stated the drop box is still being used but not as much. Dow stated she could eliminate CDL drives. She stated revenue for that per day is \$21 and expense is \$200. Also, most of the CDL testing was not by Page County residents. She stated less than 50% of the tests over the past several years have been Page County residents. Dow stated during COVID she has not been able to offer the service. Dow stated there are over \$200,000 outstanding in taxes collected. Esaias stated she has learned how to sanitize her office better. It was discussed that each department has an 1-800 number that could be deleted. Olsen stated she is reaching out to retired veterans and telling them how respected they are. She is encouraging veterans to purchase houses. She is blogging and inviting veterans to move to Page County through economic development. Schwab stated his department does not have a good communication system with the public. They now have a Facebook page and use the county website. Morris questioned if maintenance crews could be monitored better. Palmer stated his department has learned a lot. He stated they are cleaning and sanitizing more. He stated is officers are using masks and trying to social distance. Palmer stated reduction in staff is not

feasible. He stated they are utilizing their staff to the best ability possible. Sonksen stated trials now are very different, especially hearing people. Sonksen stated his highest expense is personnel. He stated his case load has doubled, so it would be very hard to decrease staffing. He stated he would like a victim witness coordinator that the attorney's office plans to apply for. Rendander stated his office does not have heavy interaction with the public. He stated they have utilized the dropbox more and had more conversations over the phone. Kline stated his office has been heavily impacted due to the learning curve of working from home. He stated his office has learned a lot from Zoom to remote connections. Morris stated each department needs to let them know if they need anything else to work successfully from home. Kline stated equipment cannot be reduced right now due to COVID. Wellhausen stated her department has learned how to shift and adapt strategies, especially going into an election. Her office has learned about PPE, sanitizing, keeping election workers safe, and different ways to reach out to voters. Mailing the absentee request forms to each registered voter in Page County allowed more citizens to vote, increasing voter turnout. Wellhausen discussed that cleaning supplies are harder to maintain and that there are limits on many products. She also noted the extraordinary job Gene Behrens is doing with cleaning and keeping the building safe for employees. Nordhues sent an update that he is constantly adapting to keep departments safe.

On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to approve the minutes from last week July 21, 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, August 4, 2020.

Chuck Morris, Chairman

Melissa Wellhausen

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Page County Auditor