

June 9, 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 approved the agenda. Present from the public were Kory Kline, Brenda Esaias, Angie Dow, Ryan Matheny, Tom Nordhues, Kris Grebert, Jess Erdman, Darin Sunderman, Beth Steeve, Judy Kennedy, Jacob Holmes, and JD King.

The board held the COVID-19 update. Jess Erdman, Public Health Director, gave an update and stated Test Iowa is operating here in Clarinda. Treasurer Dow stated they are still seeing between 45 to 60 customers today. She stated there is still down time, and it would be helpful if there could be internet access so that the person screening customers could do additional work while sitting out in the hall. Morris stated he has spoken with Tom Nordhues, Safety Coordinator, and he is willing to do his part. Herzberg stated we need to be cautious because if the virus comes into the courthouse, there is a potential risk of having to shut down. Morris stated driving tests fall under the Treasurer, and if Treasurer Dow wishes to provide those tests soon, that is her decision due to the fact she is elected. Dow stated motorcycle drives would be the first she would allow, because there would be no contact. Recorder Esaias stated abstractors and passport customers are coming in after being screened. Dow stated her office is not requiring an appointment, which has increased traffic by 50%. The board discussed the next steps. Armstrong and Herzberg stated they would like to wait until after July 4<sup>th</sup> to further open up the courthouse. Morris stated if there is anything they can do to help Dow with driver's license exams to let them know, but Dow can make that call when she feels ready. Kris Grebert stated PPE is getting easier to obtain and in larger quantities. Morris stated the board will continue with the courthouse remaining by appointment only as of right now.

King provided the board with the engineer's update. The crews are out hauling rock, and the spray patcher crew is out on M56. Mowers are in the northwest part of the county. The farm to market rock haul is transpiring today. The EWP projects were discussed. On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve the NRCS forms for Assurance related to Real Property Acquisition for EWP Project 1 and for EWP Project 4 and to sign the title sheets for Project 1, Sites 3, 4, and 5. King stated they plan to advertise for project 1 next week. Morris stated he drove county roads this weekend south of Highway 2. Morris stated he sees some excellent quality roads but also roads that need significant work. Morris would like to schedule a meeting with King and Sherlock. Morris would like a map of the blade districts. He would also like to know if complaints have been tracked. He would also like to see the experience of workers in those specific blade areas. Morris stated chapter 20 is gone, and blade operators may need to be moved to blade areas that need more work. Morris stated the board has asked for more crown in the road and stated many roads do not have the crown that was requested. Morris stated it would be a separate meeting outside of board. Herzberg stated he spoke to Austin Ascherl, and Ascherl stated he got permission for his driveway. They are going to be hauling dirt and set the pipe for the driveway. He wanted to know when the road could be graded and rocked.

The board next canvassed the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary Election. On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve the Primary Election Canvass. Herzberg, aye, Morris, aye, Armstrong, aye. Motion carried 3 to 0.

The updated personnel policy, which includes dispatch, was discussed. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to approve the updated personnel policy.

On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to approve the FY21 Rural Transit System Joint Participation Agreement.

On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve the Cost Advisory Services 3-year service contract for FY20, FY21, and FY22.

On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to approve Gary Rock as Colfax Township Trustee.

Jacob Holmes stated he would like to have a public meeting because he has a group that would like to discuss things with the board in person.

On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to approve the minutes from June 4, 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, June 16, 2020.

Chuck Morris, Chairman

Melissa Wellhausen

Page County Board of Supervisors

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