

March 24, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the board met via conference call with the call originating out of the Page County Auditor's Office, where social distancing is essential at this time. All public was encouraged to state their name to ensure the minutes presented all individuals on the conference call. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to approve the agenda moving the 9:20 discussion of the safety coordinator position until a later time. Herzberg, aye, Morris, aye, Armstrong, aye. John VanNostrand, Kory Kline, Ryan Matheny, Gary Rock, Renee Riedel, Darin Sunderman, Jess Erdman, Beth Steeve, Jason Renander, Kris Grebert, and Tom Nordhues were in attendance from the public.

King gave a roads update. He stated operations are weather dependent. Crews are burning brush, rock is being hauled, and pipe planning has begun. The sign truck is in Omaha for some repairs. Wings are being pulled off the trucks and motor graders. The A Avenue bridge work continues. Rebar is being placed on the deck, and the deck placement is planned for next week. King has received two EWP project agreements, #2 and #3. Pipe bids will be awarded next Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. King would like to schedule a hearing for the five-year construction plan on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Morris discussed the shoulder rock on the Stanton Road. Morris would like that applied as soon as possible. Before approving the granular contract, the board would like King to bring back a contract with more miles and less gravel per mile for the FM Granular resurfacing contract with Schildberg Construction Company. Herzberg stated he feels the gravel is being put on too thick. Morris discussed the actual size of the gravel used is often too large. Morris and Armstrong agreed that the gravel should not be applied as thick as it has been in the past.

Jess Erdman, Public Health Administrator, gave an update regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Yesterday in the United States, the death rate was the highest it has been. Governor Reynolds has still not issued a shelter-in-place order but is encouraging everyone to stay home if they are ill. There is a White House briefing tomorrow to listen to as well. Grebert stated he requested protective equipment for Clarinda Regional Health Center, Shenandoah Medical Center, Page County Sheriff's Office, and Coin Fire Department. It was stated that Clarinda Regional Health Center and Shenandoah Medical Center would receive protective equipment, but the others would not at this time.

Auditor Wellhausen went over the resolution to declare a disaster for Page County in response to the coronavirus. This will allow the potential for state and federal emergency funding for Page County if it becomes available due to the coronavirus.

**RESOLUTION 22-2020**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING A DISASTER FOR PAGE COUNTY  
IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE**

WHEREAS, Page County has determined the impact from the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic has disrupted government services and will endanger the health and safety of the citizens of Page County; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors has declared a state of emergency authorized under Iowa State Statute and will execute the expenditure of emergency funds from all available sources, the invoking of mutual aid agreements and applying to the State of Iowa for assistance in response to this disaster.

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

Melissa Wellhausen  
Page County Auditor

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

Angie Dow and Brenda Esaias joined the meeting. Auditor Wellhausen provided an overview of the new policies. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to approve the Family and Medical Leave Policy and the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Policy.

Angie Dow, Brenda Esaias, and Melissa Wellhausen provided updates as to how things are going within their offices, due to being closed to the public.

With no further business, the board adjourned at 9:30 am and will meet again Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

Chuck Morris, Chairman

Melissa Wellhausen

Page County Board of Supervisors

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