

October 6, 2020

The Page County Board of Supervisors met in session on this 6th day of October 2020, with Jon Herzberg, Chuck Morris, and Alan Armstrong present. Present from the public were Jacob Holmes, JD King, Ryan Matheny, Tim Johnson, Ryan Urkoski, and Ashley Urkoski. Attending via zoom were Lisa Nelson, Darin Sunderman, Heidi Hertensen, Mark Zaccone, Jessica Erdman, Kaitlynn Holmes, and Mike Petersen.

King gave a roads update. Rock is being hauled, the pipe crew is working on a repair on J53, and the spray patcher is working on J64. Blades are out in two districts, #1 and #7. The crews are working in the shop on winterizing. EWP work continues. Project #5 is complete, sites #11, #7, and #6 are complete. Project #2 continues with work on site #2. Project #1, site #5 is near completion, and site #4 is being prepared. Project #3 was let October 1, recommended award to PCL, Inc. The F-20 bridge will be let on October 20th. King also turned in a BUILD grant application on September 30th. On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve the final pay voucher for EWP Site 7 and Site 11. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to award the contract for EWP project site 8. The board next discussed the gravel charges on Quince Avenue. Rich Wagoner sent a letter to the board making them aware he felt the charges for gravel were inappropriately charged to Austin Ascherl. Austin Ascherl had petitioned for gravel on Quince Avenue. Rich Wagoner was concerned because the entire road was rocked. Wagoner felt Ascherl should not have had to pay the entire expense. Morris discussed there was miscommunication that J55 would be ground up and re-asphalted. King stated now it is a seal coat road. King stated some of the east part of J55 may be ground up because it is misshaped. If and when the wind farms stop tearing up the roads it will be returned to a hard surface road.

Ryan Urkoski met with the board to discuss the windmill press release in the paper recently. Urkoski stated in the article the board has to regulate a new industry and protect the property rights of citizens. Urkoski stated the 1997 ordinance did have regulations regarding wind. The 1997 ordinance had better protection in it. Urkoski stated the board has used outdated information. Morris stated the turbines are 300 feet tall, and Urkoski stated they are now 400 to 500 feet tall. Urkoski questioned if the board has toured and talked to residents who have turbines. Herzberg stated he has talked to farmers in Carroll County, and they have some flicker. The noise didn't bother them, but the flicker did. Urkoski discussed the noise level and that this can have a detrimental impact on citizens. Urkoski challenged the board to look at both the positive and negative aspects of wind in order to make an impartial decision. Urkoski questioned why only the pro-wind side will be presenting regarding wind. Morris stated the meeting will provide information regarding the positives of wind turbines. Morris stated the board has attended meetings regarding the negative aspects of wind. Now they would like to hear the other side. Urkoski stated the board should provide both sides of wind energy. Urkoski stated the noise and flicker were protected in the 1997 ordinance. Urkoski stated the new ordinance has now opened the door to wind.

Jess Erdman, Public Health Director, provided the board with a COVID update. Erdman stated the positivity rate is at 23.5% in the county. There is an outbreak in the prison right now with 33 prisoners testing positive. Erdman has been meeting with the

school districts. She does not feel online learning is needed in the majority of schools. Erdman stated one school has transitioned to online learning due to an outbreak.

The board would like to have their meeting next week at 12:30 or 1 pm and then move into the wind meeting at 2 pm.

The board looked at their calendars and would like to look at the Pierce Watersheds on October 15.

On a motion by Herzberg, the board moved to adjourn and will meet again Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

Chuck Morris, Chairman
Page County Board of Supervisors

Melissa Wellhausen
Page County Auditor