

August 25, 2020

The Page County Board of Supervisors met in session on this 25th day of August 2020, with Chuck Morris, Jon Herzberg, and Alan Armstrong present. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board approved the agenda. Present from the public were Jacob Holmes, Judy Kennedy, Tim Johnson, Brian Tally, and Kris Grebert. Attending via zoom were Jessica Erdman, Heidi Hertensen, Andrew Hoppmann, Darin Sunderman, Lisa Nelson, JD King, Ryan Matheny, Gary McClarnon, and Renee Riedel.

Jess Erdman, Pubic Health Director, provided a COVID-19 update. She stated cases are decreasing, but testing is also decreasing as well. Erdman asked if Tom Nordhues could assist with a testing site. The board stated this would be allowed.

The board is asking all department heads for their cooperation regarding Cares Act and Emergency Funding. The board does not want to leave any dollars on the table. The board asked for department heads to provide information to Grebert regarding COVID expenses. Grebert will input the information and make sure the expenses get submitted. Morris stated Grebert will send out notices and alerts to make sure department heads are aware of deadlines and follow up to ensure funding is requested. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to approve Kris Grebert as the point person.

King gave a roads update. He stated half the blades #2,3,4, and 6 are out. There is bridge work taking place, a plank replacement and handrail. Three rock trucks are hauling rock. There is a mower on J64, and a crew is reshaping 180th Street. Pipe work is taking place east of Q Avenue, and the contract pipe crew is working on the last of the contract work. On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board approved the contract for EWP Project 5. Herzberg, aye, Armstrong, aye, Morris, aye. Motion carried 3 to 0. Jimmie Sunderman called and stated he had rock poured on his road, 190th Street, and it was 5 to 6 inches thick. Morris asked when King and the Taylor County Engineer last collaborated on road work.

On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve the tax abatement for 604 S. Center Street, Shenandoah, Iowa, 208 E. Sheridan, Shenandoah, Iowa, 508 E. Stuart Street, Clarinda, Iowa, 512 E. Stuart Street, Clarinda, Iowa, 503 W. Clark Street, Clarinda, Iowa, and 514 S. 14th Street, Clarinda, Iowa.

RESOLUTION #33-2020

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Page County, Iowa, sitting in session on this 25th day of August, 2020, and approved the abatement of all taxes on the following property owned by the City of Shenandoah:

Lot 205 and North Half of Lot 204 and South Half of Lot 206 in Crippen's Addition to City of Shenandoah, Page County, Iowa

Also known as 604 S Center Street, Shenandoah Parcel #88-051947721000.

Dated this 25th day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:

Melissa Wellhausen
Page County Auditor

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

RESOLUTION #34-2020

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Page County, Iowa, sitting in session on this 25th day of August, 2020, and approved the abatement of all taxes on the following property owned by the City of Shenandoah:

East Half of Lot 3 and West Half of Lot 2 in Sub-Division of Lot 34 in East Shenandoah an Addition to City of Shenandoah, Page County, Iowa

Also known as 208 E Sheridan Shenandoah Parcel #88-0520158125000.

Dated this 25th day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:

Melissa Wellhausen
Page County Auditor

Chuck Morris
Alan Armstrong
Jon W. Herzberg

RESOLUTION #35-2020

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Page County, Iowa, sitting in session on this 25th day of August, 2020, and approved the abatement of all taxes on the following property owned by the City of Clarinda:

Lot 7 and the South Half of Lot 6 in Block 40 in Frazer's Addition to City of Clarinda, Page County, Iowa
Also known as 508 & 512 E Stuart Clarinda Parcels #74-081251140000 and 74-081251145000.

Dated this 25th day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:

Melissa Wellhausen
Page County Auditor

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

RESOLUTION #36-2020

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Page County, Iowa, sitting in session on this 25th day of August, 2020, and approved the abatement of all taxes on the following property owned by the Clarinda Economic Development Corporation:

Lot 16 (Except the West 20 feet and Except the North 80 feet and Except the East 77 feet) of Irregular Survey of Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 69 North, Range 36 West of 5th P.M., in City of Clarinda, Page County, Iowa
Also known as 514 S 14th St Clarinda Parcel #74-0831330125000.

Dated this 25th day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:

Melissa Wellhausen
Page County Auditor

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

RESOLUTION #37-2020

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Page County, Iowa, sitting in session on this 25th day of August, 2020, and approved the abatement of all taxes on the following property owned by the Clarinda Economic Development Corporation:

Lots 1 and 2 in Thomas' Addition to City of Clarinda, Page County, Iowa
Also known as 503 W Clark Clarinda Parcel #74-0736427175000.

Dated this 25th day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:

Melissa Wellhausen
Page County Auditor

Chuck Morris
Alan Armstrong
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Page County Board of Supervisors

Carrie Falk met with the board to provide a library update. She stated she wanted to provide the board with more frequent updates. She stated the library has been providing an exhibit regarding the 19th Amendment. The library is also sharing a story book in different businesses for them to display. She stated the libraries are providing curbside, if people do not feel comfortable coming into the libraries. She stated the Shenandoah Hospital received a grant and provided the library with several blood pressure cuffs that individuals can now check out. They also have hot spots individuals can check out to use as well.

The board discussed the bids for excavation on the county farm. There were no bids received by the deadline. There was one bid received after the deadline. The board discussed that the excavation work will need to be republished for bids. Morris questioned if we should contract this out, or if we should wait and have the Secondary Roads crew do the dirt work in late fall or winter. Herzberg stated this would add several acres to the farm ground. Morris stated if the acres change, the contract may need to be looked at and adjusted. The board agreed to re-run the ad for excavation of the trees.

Bruce Baldwin and Kim Johnson joined the meeting to discuss the PILOT program. Several of the agencies have discontinued their PILOT program. Shenandoah first stopped paying, and then Essex followed suit. Shenandoah and Essex each created side agreements with only their city. Clarinda has still continued to pay their taxes, which then provides payment to the counties and school. Morris feels the county's position is correct, and payments should come directly to the county.

Morris stated he surveyed three other counties, and they waive the PILOT payments. Armstrong stated he would like to see the PILOT payments waived. Morris stated housing is an issue for counties. Morris stated if it is waived, it should be waived for all three entities, Clarinda, Shenandoah, and Essex. The board would like this added to the agenda for next week for approval.

Brian Tally would like to formally invite the board to the wind turbine meeting Thursday at 6 pm at the Page County Fairgrounds in the show ring.

Jacob Holmes questioned the cost to cut brush and why it would cost so much for the Secondary Roads crew to cut brush. Holmes feels the money would be better spent to have the Secondary Roads crew cut brush at the county farm. He stated there would be a few down days during the next year when the crew would have time to cut brush.

On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve the minutes from August 18, 2020.

On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to adjourn and will meet again Tuesday, September 1, 2020.

Chuck Morris, Chairman

Page County Board of Supervisors

Melissa Wellhausen

Page County Auditor