

November 26, 2019

The Page County Board of Supervisors met in session on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019, with Chuck Morris, Alan Armstrong, and Jon Herzberg present. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Morris, the board moved to approve the agenda. Present from the public was John VanNostrand, Gary Ulmer, Becky Baldwin, Lloyd McCalla, Deb McCalla, Mitch Holmes, Tyler Holmes, Dinnis Holmes, Patricia Warren, Mark Driscoll, Jake Wagoner, Martha Herzberg, Janelle Stephens, Beth Steeve, Kaleb Tillman, Trent Tillman, Jessica Erdman, Dennis Davison, and Kris Grebert.

The board addressed citizens' concerns regarding 250<sup>th</sup> Street. Becky Baldwin addressed the board, and she stated that she would not have purchased her house if it was on gravel. She stated the value of her house has now gone down because the road has been changed to gravel. Mitch Holmes discussed with the board that he details a lot of vehicles, and now he can't because of all the gravel dust. Holmes stated the road is heavily traveled. Deb McCalla stated their family has held land on 250<sup>th</sup> for four generations. She stated they have health concerns and paid their taxes faithfully, and they feel they have been wronged by changing it to a gravel road. Gary Ulmer addressed the board and he stated he has taken pride in his property and keeping the place looking nice. He stated this has now taken a major toll on his house. Holmes stated there are large pieces of the torn-up road in their ditches and grass. He felt that should have been cleaned up better. Mark Driscoll stated he has lived at his residence for over 30 years. He stated individuals chose to lay their family members to rest in the cemetery there due to the hard surface road. He also stated the amount of gravel and dust is outrageous, and this move has cost the residents on this road money and quality of life. Kaleb Tillman stated no one knew this was taking place and questioned how this was publicized. Morris also discussed the quality of gravel and wondered if there is something that can be done to improve the quality. Herzberg discussed possibly charging the landowners a special assessment if they want to maintain a hard surface road. The board also discussed spraying the road to help with the dust control. The board discussed the "J-Road." Martha Herzberg questioned whether the road would be resurfaced. The board stated it is on the plan to be resurfaced. King stated the road will be plowed. The board stated the road issue on 250<sup>th</sup> Street issue will be readdressed in January when the board is looking at the next fiscal year budget.

Brenda Easais, Tom Nordhues, Jess Erdman, and Richard Iske joined the meeting. King gave the board a roads update. He stated blades are out in all districts. Rock haul is limited. Crews have been tearing out beaver dams on M48. Crews have also been putting on plows. King stated he hired a laborer driver position. The Braddyville culvert DOT audit is complete and satisfactory. Angie Dow joined the meeting. The demolition is underway on A Avenue bridge. On a motion by Morris, seconded by Herzberg, the board move to approve the final voucher for project BROS-SWAP-CO-73(133)-SE-73. Armstrong stated he feels the gas line needs to be moved at some point. He states since we have cooperation with Alliant now we should move forward with moving the gas line. There is a document that shows the project costs \$47,000 to move the line. Morris states he does not feel the line needs moved at this time and cannot justify the expense to citizens in Page County. Herzberg stated he thinks we need to get the gas line moved now. Page County's expense would be \$30,000. On a motion by Morris, seconded by Herzberg the board moved to approve

moving the gas line. Herzberg aye, Morris, nay, Armstrong, aye. Motion carried 2 to 1. Herzberg stated on M63 there is some edge rut that needs to be taken care of.

Morris stated he had asked to put the safety/risk manager on the agenda. Morris stated he wants to make sure there is a clear direction from the board. Morris stated after talking to Mark Shaffer, this is the time to be observing. Morris stated he feels Nordhues needs to be out observing 75% to 80% of the time. Morris stated secondary roads, sheriff's department, and conservation are the bulk of these claims and need to be addressed first. Morris stated Schaffer can do some of the policy work. Nordhues stated he has been out observing. Nordhues also stated he has put together documentation regarding his observations. Armstrong stated there has been \$26,000 spent on safety with Schaffer. Armstrong and Herzberg agreed that the Nordhues should be out in the field 75% to 80% of the time right now.

On a motion by Morris, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve the updated personnel policy with an effective date of November 26, 2019.

The board discussed the Blanchard Parcel Request by Rudy Brownfield. Brownfield needs to request an assignment of a tax sale.

The board has one company coming tomorrow regarding asbestos removal in the new building the county has purchased. There is one other company that is potentially interested. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Morris, the board moved to approve the contract with HGM Consulting for the new building remodel.

Mark Zaconne with Invenergy met with the board. The board will be holding several public hearings regarding the wind turbines. The board will hold two town hall meetings on December 16<sup>th</sup> in Clarinda at 5 pm in the Page Room of the Courthouse and again at 5 pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December in Shenandoah in the Bricker Room of the Shenandoah Fire Station. On a motion by Morris, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve setting the public hearing for the wind turbines.

On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Morris, the board moved to approve the minutes of November 26, 2019.

With no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:30 am and will meet again Tuesday, December 3, 2019.

Alan Armstrong, Chairman

Page County Board of Supervisors

Melissa Wellhausen

Page County Auditor