

June 23, 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, Ryan Matheny, Tom Nordhues, Kris Grebert, Jess Erdman, Darin Sunderman, Judy Kennedy, JD King, Sandy Parmenter, Tim Johnson, Beth Steeve, Ryan Urkoski, Jacob Holmes, and Robin Shirley.

Jess Erdman started the COVID-19 update. She stated they have started some target testing. She stated there is a decrease in people wearing masks, and people should not let their guard down. The board discussed when to reopen and feel it would be good to wait until after the 4th of July to open but no later than July 13th. Morris stated he would like to open at the same time as the court system, to coincide with them. Robin Shirley, Clerk of Court, stated the court system will reopen July 6th, if the courthouse reopens then. If the courthouse waits to open, the court system will open the following week, July 13th. Nordhues will be the primary door monitor. The south doors will be used for entering and exiting the courthouse. Shirley stated masks will be required in the court areas. Morris questioned if Esaias would be willing to assist with the handicap entrance. Dow stated her office could assist with the handicap entrance. On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve opening of the courthouse south entrance July 6th.

King joined the meeting. He stated blades are out in all districts. Rock is being hauled. The spray patcher is on M56, and mowers are running. The pipe crew is on the northwest part of Northboro. There is a second crew at 130th Street. Truck #55 is back from Des Moines with a new valve body. EWP project one is out for bids, and construction begins on site 12. Karen Switzer called regarding west of N Avenue because someone sprayed some choke berries. King stated crews have not been in that area, so it may have been a neighbor who sprayed those. Gordy Buch called regarding pushing dirt by the pipe near Kenny Wagoner's house. Morris discussed the rock that the county uses, and he believes it is time to explore other options. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to approve to sign the final voucher for project FM-CO73(137)-55-73 granular surfacing. King shared pictures of site 12 showing AM Cohron on the job working. Urkoski stated he has several road concerns. He stated there is an issue at the intersection of M60 to 255th heading west and M60 to 230th. There was no preparation to prepare the roads for the new gravel. The gravel that was placed has now been wasted.

On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to approve changing the smoking policy to include all tobacco and vaping products.

Jacob Holmes stated he is looking forward to opening the courthouse so meetings can be in person. Beth Steeve stated that the gravel issues need to be addressed across the county. She stated there is a lot of gravel in the ditches. Judy Kennedy stated training is critical for the road workers.

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

On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, with no further business, the board adjourned at 9:30 am and will meet again Tuesday, June 30, 2020.

Chuck Morris, Chairman
Page County Board of Supervisors

Melissa Wellhausen
Page County Auditor
