

June 4, 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, Brenda Esaias, Angie Dow, Ryan Matheny, Tom Nordhues, Lisa Nelson, Kris Grebert, Jess Erdman, Darin Sunderman, and JD King.

The board held the COVID-19 update. Jess Erdman, Public Health Director, gave the board an update on surrounding counties and current COVID-19 cases. Treasurer Dow provided the board with an update on how things are going with the Treasurer's Office. She stated things are going well with the current policy. They are serving between 45 to 60 people a day. Auditor Wellhausen stated with the recent election, traffic picked up significantly. Everyone remained respectful and followed the guidelines. King stated secondary roads crews are maintaining social distancing. Lisa Nelson stated more individuals are calling to get information. Kory Kline uploaded more forms to the website for secondary roads.

King gave a roads update. He stated blades are out, rock is being hauled, and the farm to market rock haul is taking place. The pipe crew is moving equipment, placed a pipe at 110<sup>th</sup> Street, and now will relook at the pipe on J53. Dust control is scheduled for this week. Truck #50 is in Des Moines and had a total value body replacement. Truck #31 is in Omaha due to a heater core leaking. EWP project #2 for site 1,2,3 held its letting on May 28. Right of Way was signed for EWP for site 3 and site 5. Bridges were closed in four areas: G-27, L-12, E-40, and D-7, all dirt roads. The board asked King several questions regarding his report. On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve the Weir Repair Project L-CO73(EWP19-P2)-73-73 to A.M. Cohron & Son, Inc out of Atlantic for \$1,372,083.16. Morris aye, Herzberg, aye, Armstrong, aye. Motion carried 3 to 0. The county will responsible for 15% of the total project.

The board next discussed re-opening the courthouse. Morris asked Erdman for a recommendation. Erdman went through what several courthouses are doing and how they are handling re-opening. Erdman stated that the 6-foot distancing should be followed, but she is not sure that the 50% capacity rule needs to be followed. Morris stated he does not feel we need to be bound by the 50% rule. Armstrong stated society is starting to adjust, where they do not feel they need to have everything immediately. Herzberg stated he feels the 50% rule should be eliminated and continue as we currently have been. Erdman issued concern for public use of the restrooms and how to keep them sanitized. Morris stated he would like to find a way to open up with the restrooms remaining closed to the public. Auditor Wellhausen stated she has concerns with the additional workload required to keep the restrooms clean and sanitized with the current maintenance staff. Dow stated she feels the courthouse needs to move towards re-opening. She has concerns about continuing to use an employee for a door monitor due to their current salary expense. Esaias asked if there is anything offices need to be doing so that the courthouse can re-open without screening people and keeping the doors locked. She thinks it is time to move towards re-opening the courthouse. Armstrong stated he would rather remain conservative to ensure employees stay safe so that the courthouse can remain open to the public. The board discussed a door

monitor and would like to continue utilizing current staff to avoid the cost of adding additional staff. Morris and Armstrong both stated they could assist with monitoring employees if needed. The board stated the 50% capacity rule would not need to be followed any longer. Erdman recommended still having employees telework to aid with social distancing. On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to continue as is with the appointment only process, with the Treasurer's Office having a door monitor to screen their customers.

The board discussed next week's meeting. They felt the need to come in to canvass the election next week, while maintaining social distancing.

On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Morris, the board moved to approve the minutes from May 26, 2020.

On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, with no further business, the board adjourned at 10:00 am and will meet again Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

Chuck Morris, Chairman

Melissa Wellhausen

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