

March 17, 2020

On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to approve the agenda. John VanNostrand, Darin Sunderman, Ryan Matheny, Jacob Holmes, Tom Nordhues, Deb McCalla, Gary Ulmer, Mitch Holmes, Caleb Tillman, John Schwab, Mark Driscoll, Kris Grebert, Beth Steeve, and John Greenleaf were in attendance from the public.

King stated the crews are out. The shoulders on the Stanton road are too wet to lay gravel. The board would like King to take care of the shoulder situation as soon as possible. Crews are out burning brush. King is working on a pipe plan. There are still troubles with the #3 motorgrader. Wings have been taken off of a few machines. Rebar is being placed on the A Avenue bridge, and King anticipates the bridge will be open by June or July. King stated the contractor pipe projects were sent out last week. Bids will be received in the Auditor's office March 30th and will be brought before the board on March 31st for approval. King asked the board to consider lifting the embargo on Teak Avenue between J53 and J55; he recommends we take the embargo off. King stated the embargo was tied back to a resident who used to complain of the dust, and that resident no longer lives there. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to lift the embargo on Teak Avenue from J53 to J55.

The board discussed 250th Street. In 2009 Brad Skinner, then Page County engineer, discussed the road and stated Page County could do less with less. 250th Street was included in this list to be taken back to gravel. Morris stated Page County does not have an ordinance stating a road will remain paved if there is a church on the road; however, there is a provision in the code for a cost-share on a road if residents wish for it to remain hard surfaced. Morris stated the road is greater than about one mile, and the cost would be \$160,000. He stated the residents would have to pay a 50% cost share at a minimum but could be charged a higher fee. Mitch Holmes stated he had several discussions with Herzberg regarding the road and if the road would be maintained and fixed. Holmes stated he came home one day and his road had been taken back to gravel, with no notice. King stated 20 miles were taken from a seal coat service to a granular surface. He stated there was a total of 90 miles in the seal-coat system. Mark Driscoll stated he wished the landowners would have been asked. He does not feel the landowners should be taxed additionally because it was not their sedans that tore up the road; it was large trucks and grain trucks that destroyed the road. King stated the board can place embargos to protect the roads. Morris stated that the landowners would have to agree to cost share this. If only four residents decide to cost share, then only those four would be taxed on the road. Mitch Holmes asked the board to consider having one night meeting each month.

Tom Nordhues requested closed session per chapter 21.5.1.i of the Code of Iowa. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to go into closed session per chapter 21.5.1.i. Herzberg, aye, Morris, aye, Armstrong, aye. The board went into closed session at 9:45 am. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to come out of closed session at 10:15 am. Herzberg, aye, Morris, aye, Armstrong, aye. No action was taken.

John VanNostrand, Ryan Matheny, Jess Erdman, Lyle Palmer, Carl Sonksen, Mitch Holmes, JD King, Kory Kline, Jason Renander, Beth Steeve, Tom Nordhues, Brenda Esaias, John Schwab, Kris Grebert, and Angie Dow joined the meeting. The

board discussed how to handle the challenges with the public regarding the coronavirus. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to accept the recommendations by the elected officials, which will allow all employees to remain at work but limits public access. This will start effective March 18, 2020.

On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve the minutes from March 17, 2020.

With no further business, the board adjourned at 11:20 pm and will meet again Tuesday, March 24, 2020.

Chuck Morris, Chairman

Melissa Wellhausen

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