

September 1, 2020

The Page County Board of Supervisors met in session on this 1st day of September 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 Steve Kennedy, Dennis Dalbey, Ron Meier, Garrett Pirtle, Jodi Johnson, Loren Johnson, Brenda Esaias, Angie Dow, Tim Johnson, Theresa Eason, Mandy Maher, Jesse Stimson, Brian Tally, Myron Sunderman, Robin Sunderman, Jacob Holmes, Robert Compton, Ryan Urkoski, Ashley Urkoski, Ed Hakes, Scotty Kurtz, Judy Kennedy, Whitney Grossoehme, Tracy Grossoehme, Mitch Grossoehme, and Rodney Behrhorst. Attending via zoom were Jessica Erdman, Heidi Hertensen, Andrew Hoppmann, Darin Sunderman, Lisa Nelson, JD King, Ryan Matheny, Gary McClarnon, Renee Riedel, Mike Blazer, Darla Peregrine, and Gabe Klooster.

Jesse Stimson met with the board to discuss property rights and issues with the board. Stimson met with the board and asked the board if they would be willing to go outside after the meeting to meet with the group outside. Stimson stated the wind turbine meeting was held last Thursday. He stated many citizens are here to state their concerns. He would like to see equal rights for land owners who do not want wind turbines on their properties. He discussed the "danger zone." Brian Tally met with the board and wanted to discuss property rights with the board. He stated he views this as taking from the poor man and letting the danger zone come into the poor man's land. He does not think this is fair to take use of a small landowner's property. Tally questioned the board as to why the board would let wind turbines in besides for money. Morris stated there were many agreements between land owners and wind turbine entities. Morris stated before an ordinance there were no regulations regarding decommissioning. Morris wanted to ensure there are rules in place to make sure when these towers need taken down there is funding for this. Morris stated there is a surety bond or cash set aside for tearing down these turbines.

King joined the board for a secondary roads update. Blades are out in all districts. He stated the crews are working on wash boarding and potholes. Crews will be back to ditching dirt Tuesday through Thursday. Trucks are hauling rock, and there is a special rock haul from Weeping Water on C Avenue. There are two mowers running. Pipe work currently is taking place on Quincy Avenue and next will be 160th Street. EWP work continues, and work has begun on site one. The crews will move to site two after one is completed. Site 11 will begin work Wednesday. The bridge at Shenandoah is open for traffic. There is a piece of guardrail that needs to be switched out. King went through the FY2020 annual report with the board. He stated expenses for this year are higher than normal, but this is due to all the EWP work. King stated last week no bids were received for pipe work. A scrub seal will be placed on J52 between M60 and Nutmeg Avenue. Morris questioned when the contracted pipe will be done. King stated the contractor will be done next week. Morris stated next year the board would like more pipes bid out for contractors. On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve the final pay voucher for BROS-SWAP-CO73(136)-FE-73 the Northboro Culvert.

Morris opened the public comment. Ryan Urkoski asked the board several questions. Robin Sunderman expressed concerns over the wind turbine ordinance. She stated they create significant health issues. She stated turbines kill wildlife, and they are not "green" energy. She questions if the decommissioning will exist several years down the road. She stated if the funding is not there, this cost will fall on Page County citizens. She feels the board is overlooking these concerns and the long-term costs. She worries the health and safety of individuals is being missed. She stated companies file bankruptcy and change company ownership to get around these issues. Loren Johnson stated it is government's role to protect the citizens' rights. Johnson stated there are examples where counties end up paying for these things. Johnson stated governmental entities waste millions of dollars on ideas that citizens end up paying the price for. Johnson asked the board to reconsider this and the setbacks. Johnson does not want to see a smaller landowner that does not have any say have this happen to them. Jane Stimson questioned if the board makes the decision for a wind proposal if the

citizens will be made aware and be allowed to be given input. Morris knows where the land-lease agreements will be but not of any wind farms yet. Ashley Urkoski questioned the board how many wind turbines are projected. Morris stated there is a potential turbine project between Page and Fremont County which would include about 40 turbines per county. Urkoski asked Morris if he received any new information after the last meeting. Urkoski asked how the new information needs to be presented. Morris challenges the group to find an active wind turbine project with setbacks farther than what Page County has set and tied to the property line. Urkoski questioned why Page County needs to have another county that has setbacks farther. She would like Page County to be the first to have the farthest setbacks. Morris stated the danger zone document is outdated from 2011. Morris stated the citizens voted the board in, and Urkoski would like the board to listen to the citizens of Page County. Mandy Maher stated they live in the country outside of Shenandoah. She stated for many landowners it is a no brainer for these individuals to sign up for wind turbines. She stated they receive money and do not suffer from the danger zone. She does not feel her rights should mean any less than others who would like wind turbines. Ed Hakes met with the board. He asked the board to drive other counties, talk to other farmers, and see what they think of wind turbines. He challenged the board to set a precedence and do what is right for the citizens of Page County. Daph Habro witnessed what happened first hand with the erosion of property rights. She stated corporations do not care about people; they care about profits. Money should not be the driver pushing this initiative. Mindy Grossoehme stated these citizens have chosen to live in the country for the peace and quiet. She stated Morris chose to live by the prison. Kalen Fulk met with the board and stated the cities and parks have a mile set back. Rodney Behrhorst questioned the board and the fact that things never get answered. He does not want anything in the hands of the Board of Supervisors. Behrhorst thinks the board was getting paid under the table for wind turbines. He would like all three of the supervisors to resign if they cannot come up with a plan for the best interest of citizens.

Joe Justison moved out in the country to have peace and quiet. He stated the board has passed the buck. Tracy Grossoehme stated they live on small acreage, and she is worried about a lightning strike. She stated workers have to stay a kilometer away. She questioned the board if she needs to leave her own home every time there is a lightning strike. She would like an answer, and the board does not have one. Judy Kennedy stated she was at the first meeting regarding wind turbines, and there was not one positive thing said. She asked the board to listen. Kennedy is here for everyone and these three board members need to be removed. Dennis Dalbey questioned how this will impact the agricultural economy. He stated we do not have to live with wind turbines and have them take out critical crop ground. Jenny Ellison questioned how they are keeping track of people who want them and who do not sign up. She does not feel the board has a good handle on who wants these and who does not. Chris Goodell from Shenandoah is worried about socialism. She is worried the people are being passed over. She asked the board to really listen to people. Tereasa Eason questioned the board as to whether contracts have been signed. Herzberg stated he does not feel it is government's decision to make these decisions. Eason feels the board is not listening to the citizens of Page County. Behrhorst questioned how this impacts the wildlife and the fish and game around here. Darla Peregrine is a small acreage land owner. She did not buy her property to have others tower over her. She questioned what has happened to neighbors looking out for neighbors. Jennifer Davison King stated the health of her family is worth more than the financial gains these wind turbines bring. She stated this has led to many health effects on people. Jane Stimson asked the board how many turbines will be allowed into Page County. Stimson would like a limit put on the number of turbines allowed into the county. Mitch Grossoehme asked if the board is willing to re-evaluate the ordinance or not. Armstrong stated he is willing to look at the ordinance, but he does not know if it will change the ordinance. Grossoehme is asking for the board to protect his family. Grossoehme stated at the beginning it was stated the ordinance could be amended; however, now the board is stating if things are changed it could result in a

lawsuit. Chris Goodell questioned how a wind turbine company can sue the county if there is no contract. Riedel stated there is a building being put up in Clarinda that will net \$1.2 million. Morris states moving setbacks a few hundred feet would be allowed but shutting wind energy down in Page County could result in litigation.

On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong the board moved to approve the minutes from August 25, 2020.

On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to adjourn and will meet again Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Chuck Morris, Chairman

Page County Board of Supervisors

Melissa Wellhausen

Page County Auditor