

September 15, 2020

The Page County Board of Supervisors met in session on this 15th day of September 2020, with Chuck Morris, Jon Herzberg, and Alan Armstrong present. On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board approved the agenda. Present from the public were Tim Johnson, JD King, Ryan Matheny, Kris Grebert. Attending via zoom were Jess Erdman, Darin Sunderman, Mark Zaconne, Dan Eshelman, and John Schwab.

King gave an update. Blades are out in all districts, and rock is being hauled. The pipe crew is working on 160th Street. The spray patch crew is at Nyman Road. The scrub seal is taking place on J52 between M60 and the Missouri line. Several trucks are in Omaha being repaired. Truck #30 is being repaired, and #24 is also being repaired because the cooler was leaking into the exhaust. The EWP project is being worked on. ESB contractor is working on site 11. Money has been received from NRCS for EWP work. King provided a chart to the board illustrating the road use tax for FY2019, FY2020, and FY2021. King feels the county will not be hurt due to COVID-19. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to approve the EWP project #3 for L-CO73(EWP19-S8)-73-73. Morris asked King to report back how the test strip on 120th Street works, with the white rock on northeast 120th Street. Morris asked for a recess until 9 am. The board stated the Annex will be functional and in use by October 1, 2020. Morris stated there have been some costs to update the facility, but the majority of those will be applied towards the Cares Act. New carpet has been placed in the offices, electrical and lighting has been updating, and the rooms have been painted. Morris thanked Kory Kline for the outstanding job he did and how he saved the county a tremendous amount of money by running all the wiring himself. Gene Behrens has also ran some of the lighting to save some expenses as well.

At 9:00 am the board opened the bids for the excavation work at the county farm. Beery Construction, LLC provided a bid of \$8,000. Chad Mascher provided a bid of \$2,450.00. The board stated they have talked to Roger Williams and feel it will be ok to burn the property. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to approve the low bid to Chad Mascher for \$2,450.00.

John Schwab provided a conservation update. Brenda Esaias and Angie Dow joined the meeting. Schwab stated COVID has pushed back the Pierce Creek watershed inspections. Schwab has waited for that report before moving forward with raising the water level. Herzberg questioned that the watersheds were dredged several years ago. Morris will reach out to NRCS and see if there is a day to have the watershed tour soon. The water at Pioneer Park will be drained October 12, 2020. Schwab stated that revenues are still very good, and COVID has not impacted the parks as much. Morris asked Schwab if he is still working on forest trails. Schwab is working on Pierce and Nodaway to make sure the trails are clear.

The door monitor position was discussed. Morris stated the department heads are in agreeance to open things back up. Herzberg stated he would like to see the mandatory mask policy stay. Armstrong questioned who would then enforce the policy if a person does not have a mask. Morris does not think the county should require masks but instead make it preferred. Nordhues could have the signage done by the end of this week. Nordhues recommends opening the south door and the handicap accessible door. Armstrong and Herzberg feel both doors should be opened. Morris

would like a date set for opening the doors. All doors will be open September 21, 2020 to the public. On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to discontinue the use of the door monitor as of September 21, 2020 and recommend the use of masks in all common areas. The board will leave the one restroom open to the public.

Dow asked for abatement of three mobile home taxes. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Armstrong, the board moved to abate the mobile home taxes on VINB55107099, mobile home taxes on VIN SK2486F, and mobile home taxes on VIN C1164.

On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve the minutes from September 8, 2020. Morris stated that on the topic of public comments all board members are accessible by phone or email.

On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to adjourn and will meet again Tuesday, September 22, 2020.

Chuck Morris, Chairman
Page County Board of Supervisors

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