

January 26, 2010

The Page County Board of Supervisors met in session on this 26th day of January with all members present. The minutes of January 19 were approved unanimously.

County Engineer Brad Skinner and Assistant County Attorney Carl Sonksen met with the Board to again talk about K&L Landscape and Construction issues. Sonksen presented an email from Tom Olson, the K&L attorney. On a motion by Richardson, seconded by Herzberg, the Board unanimously approved finding K&L in default and cancel project EWP 7315-29. Sonksen will call and email K&L attorney Olson.

Skinner presented documents for signature. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Richardson, the Board unanimously approved the following: EWP 7315-17, Kenneth ODonnell, 2 Buchanan; EWP 7315-29, James Long, 24 Fremont; EWP 7315-17, James Straight, 35 East River; and L-NE26-09, Kermit Tolzin, 26 Nebraska.

On a motion by Richardson, seconded by Herzberg, the Board unanimously approved signing plans for EWP 7315-02, 29/30 Washington. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Richardson, the Board unanimously approved signing Amendment 3 to NRCS Agreement 69-6114-9-76.

Assistant County Attorney Carl Sonksen and Sheriff Lyle Palmer talked about the high cost of a juvenile being held in the Juvenile Detention Center in Council Bluffs. Sonksen and Palmer also discussed pending litigation.

Fair Board members Brooke Turner, Mark Cutler, and Arlen Meyer met with the Board to present the 2011 budget proposal and request for funding. The Fair Board plans to do some updating on Wibholm Hall, work in the swine barn, work on the beef barn, and some work in the show ring, replace cooler in Wibholm, better lights in horse arena. Recently, the Page County Fair received the Association of Iowa Fairs' 2009 Blue Ribbon Fair Award—one of only six awards in the State. The Board congratulated them on this award and their continuing efforts to make the Page County Fair better each year.

On a motion by Richardson, seconded by Herzberg, the Board unanimously approved the annual liquor license for the Essex Golf Club.

Treasurer Kim Behrens met with the Board to ask for abatement of taxes, penalty and interest on mobile home that Joe Ogiba took title to through the tax sale process. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Richardson, the Board unanimously approved the following:

RESOLUTION #15-2010

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Page County, Iowa, sitting in session on this 26th day of January, 2010, hereby approved the abatement of taxes, penalty, and interest on tax sale certificate #2008-8012 due through June 30, 2009 as agreed in a document signed by the Page County Board of Supervisors on August 18, 2009 and formerly owned by Staci Marie McGee.

Owner	Mobile Home #	Amt.
Joseph Ogiba	1972 Skyline VIN#SK2486F	\$681.00

ATTEST:	Elaine Armstrong
Judy Clark	James D. Richardson
Page County Auditor	Jon W. Herzberg
	Page County Board of Supervisors

Treasurer Kim Behrens, County Attorney Jeremy Peterson, Assessor Peggy Smith, Recorder Brenda Esaias, Veterans Affairs Director, Emergency Management Director, & E911 Coordinator Rod Riley, Conservation Charly Stevens, CPC and General Assistance Director Jane Miller, Public Health Administrator Belinda Debolt, County Engineer Brad Skinner, Sheriff Lyle Palmer, and Auditor Judy Clark gathered in the Board room for a Department Head meeting. Behrens explained that there are a lot of things going on in the County right now which may or may not affect others, but this meeting is a good place to discuss these issues. Behrens talked about delinquent taxes--\$250,575.17 delinquent real estate taxes for the September 2009 tax collection—total due in September, 2009 was 7,966,322.08; Skinner talked about snow removal; Peterson talked about the issues his office is dealing with; Esaias talked about getting a credit card machine and upcoming boat renewals; Smith is

not anticipating any value changes this year and working on GIS (to be completed in about a year); Stevens talked about the move to the Conservation Center on Hwy. 71, necessitated by the Board giving the old county attorney three-room suite to newly appointed Judge Davidson; Miller talked about the 10% cuts in mental health funding, a 2.5% decrease in case management funding, the state mandating 24/7 coverage, and the office moving to the 3rd floor; Debolt talked about H1N1 clinics—2900 doses administered so far, and a clinic will be held at the Courthouse on February 12th, 1-4 p.m. and the Smoke Free Act is one year old and some inspections will be done, with fines issued—the county needs to be vigilant in making sure that the no employees are smoking in county buildings, on county grounds or in county vehicles; Riley talked about the response to the VA Clinic in Shenandoah, emergency response he smoke free act is one year old and some inspections will be done, with fines issued; Riley talked about the response to the VA Clinic in Shenandoah, emergency response plans in the county, and the upcoming meeting for E911 funding; Palmer's office has been dealing with the weather and stranded people and all normal issues; Clark updated everyone on the budget process.

Jane Miller reported that the Safety Committee is working on a generic cell phone policy for each department to adapt to its needs and is also working on a driving policy. Fire drills will also be conducted.

Richardson is glad the department head meetings are being started again. Although it is seldom the Courthouse is closed and only in extenuating circumstances, he thinks we need to develop a policy when the Courthouse needs to be closed. A committee has been appointed to further discuss this issue and recommend a policy.

The next department head meeting will be held February 23rd (the 4th Tuesday).

Jane Miller, CPC, presented the Mental Health Projected Cost Report for signature. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Richardson, the Board unanimously approved the Chairman signing the Projected Cost Report.

Carpet was discussed for the old Conservation/new CPC office on the third floor, since all the furniture is out before the move. CPC Jane Miller will seek bids.

The Board talked with County Engineer Skinner about his recent traffic accident and his dealing directly with the other person's insurance company instead of our insurance company. We must deal directly with our insurance company. The Board also talked with Skinner about providing documentation for his bills.

Herzberg reported on a phone call from Keith Wagoner regarding backup water in his fields along a Class C road that has been gated.

A letter was sent to IOWA Senate President Kibbie objecting to diverting Road Use Tax Fund dollars from counties to other areas.

With no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:25 and will meet again next Tuesday.

Elaine Armstrong, Chairman
Page County Board of Supervisors

Judy Clark
Page County Auditor