

December 16, 2019

The Page County Board of Supervisors met in session on this 16th day of December 2019, with Chuck Morris, Alan Armstrong, and Jon Herzberg present. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Morris, the board moved to approve the agenda. Present from the public was John VanNostrand, Pat Behrhorst, Ashley Urkoski, Ryan Urkoski, Karen Lee, Sandra Davis, Kristi McEnaney, Angie Dow, John Posten, Mike Petersen, Jason Renander, Jeannie Ellison, David Rydberg, JD King, Dennis Boger, Scott Moulton, Mark Zaccone, Jon Stimson, Gary Blume, Keith Wellhausen, Dana Wellhausen, Jane Stimson, Beth Steeve, Dick Johnson, Scott Davidson, Randy McNutt, Teresa McNutt, Robert Bryson, Cecil Sunderman, Diane Sunderman, Marvis Northup, Myron Sunderman, Robin Sunderman, Janelle Stephens, Richard Balgemann, Carol Balgemann, Mark Neumeyer, Jerome Wagoner, Dee Huseman, Jack Rope, John Wittmuss, Gerald Herzberg, Roger Gant, Jeff Mulkins, Kenneth Polsley, Jean Polsley, Karen Peery, Galen Peery, Nick Jameson, Darin Sunderman, LuAnn Armstrong, Jess Erdman and Blake Scroggs.

Armstrong stated this is a town hall meeting for the wind turbines. He opened the meeting to the public. Galen Perry addressed the board and stated the noise and the interference with tv is an issue. It also takes away from the aesthetics. Robin Sunderman addressed the board and stated it is based on construction, operation, and decommissioning; however, the decommissioning portion is not funded. She stated the funding is short-term money, and there is noise and air pollution. She stated the windmills are not burnable, and landfills will not take them. She also stated it will take away from the fields of dreams. Morris and Armstrong stated there is a decommissioning ordinance. John Posten stated the payment for this does not outweigh the increased expense of electricity. Randy McNutt questioned the amount that is needed to decommission a wind mill. Kristi Mackey stated she lives in a wind turbine area, and it is in the best place financially it has been in a while. She stated there has been an increase in property value. Ryan Urokoski questioned that the windmills will run continuously but that a grain dryer will not run the entire year. Davison stated wind energy is clean. He stated there will be a substantial income and tax revenue. Morris stated he does not feel it is government's role to determine what people do with their land. Jacob Holmes stated he would like the board to consider moving the set back so it starts at the property line of a landowner. Armstrong challenged individuals to meet with their neighbors and try to come to an agreement. Ashley Urokoski stated wind turbines have resulted in major disagreements against landowners. Morris stated the board does have the opportunity to control if wind turbines are allowed in Page County based on the setback. He stated however, this provides an economic opportunity for property tax relief. Rodney Berhorst addressed the number of wind turbines, that there are not going to be a few but more likely 100 to 200 towers go up. Jenni Ellison stated the board should not promise any landowner that windmills will not be in their area. Ellison stated she would like to see the property taxes held in the county or in the area to fix the roads in that area. John Stimson stated there is an increase in income that comes with bringing wind turbines however there is a balancing act that needs to be decided too. Jason Renander addressed how wind turbines are assessed. Janelle Stephens stated there are several wind turbine sites to follow on Facebook including Prairie Wind Watchers. Jerry Wagoner stated it should be

looked into how this will impact younger people staying in Page County, and if they will want to live and move here. Chad Davison stated there will be a substation on his grandfather's farm. He stated he feels the county could use the tax money, but he is not sure the impact it will have. Teresa McNutt questioned how the cost can be known if no one knows how to dispose of them, and how much pollution they release into the ground. Marvis Northup questioned how they can use a land owners' field to access another field. There are employment opportunities that come from these wind farms. Jacob Holmes stated you can't hurt your neighbor for your liberty. Dee Huseman stated a quarter of a mile is reasonably close when a person does not want them. Ryan Urkoski addressed the health concerns that come from these wind towers. Morris stated he appreciates the comments, and they want to try to do the right thing for the citizens of Page County.

With no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:05 pm and will meet again Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

Alan Armstrong, Chairman

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Melissa Wellhausen

Page County Auditor