

October 29, 2019

The Page County Board of Supervisors met in session on this 29<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2019, with Chuck Morris, Jon Herzberg, and Alan Armstrong present. On a motion by Morris, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve the agenda. Present from the public was John VanNonstrand, Jason Renander, JD Kennedy, Judy Kennedy, Mark Zaccone, Hannah Paelezyk, Jessica Erdman, Mike Peterson, Gary Davison, Phyllis Davison, Ryan Urkoski, Ashley Urkoski, Ellen Nothwehr, Kathy Jordan, William Robertson, Myron Sunderman, Robin Sunderman, Dennis Davidson, and Tom Nordhues.

King gave a roads update. Blades are out in all districts. There are four trucks hauling rock and sand. The crews are cutting brush; one mower is out. A contractor will be in grinding up the seal coat on the Northboro road, the Page-Montgomery Road, and 250<sup>th</sup> Street. On a motion by Morris, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to approve the award of a contract for A Avenue Bridge over the East Nishnabotna River to Godbersen-Smith Construction and Subsidiaries BROS-SWAP-C073(134)-SE-73 for \$1,729,227.00. Herzberg received a call from Marlene Barnes; she stated 245<sup>th</sup> Street needs rocks.

John Schwab and Kathy Jordan met with the board to discuss the shelter at Rapp Park. Schwab stated the contractor who has been working on the storm shelter contacted him and stated he could not finish the project. Jordan stated after looking at the shelter, it does not appear to be FEMA compliant. Jordan asked the board how they wished to proceed with the storm shelter. The board will do some research and get back to Jordan regarding this matter.

On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Morris, the board moved to open the public hearing regarding the wind turbine ordinance. The wind ordinance was read. Ryan Urkoski discussed with the board how the wind turbines take away from the beauty of the land. Ashley Urkoski expressed concern over the aesthetics and the health risks of the turbines. Both discussed the disposal of these turbines in the future and the costs. Gary Davison discussed with the board the tax impact and that it would lead to tax increases and also the impact on wildlife in the area. Ellen Nothwehr discussed with the board the health impact and the fact these companies are not transparent in their actions. All three of these individuals discussed this would decrease the value of their property. On a motion by Morris, seconded by Herzberg, the board moved to close the public hearing. On a motion by Herzberg, seconded by Morris, the board moved to approve all three readings waiving the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the ordinance. The board felt it was necessary to approve the ordinance to protect the county infrastructure and residents. This ordinance includes a decommissioning plan and road use agreement. The board plans to further research this and potentially amend this ordinance. They plan to hold future meetings to discuss this again.

Angie Dow, Kory Kline, JD King, Brenda Esaias, Carl Sonksen, and Lyle Palmer joined the meeting.

The department head meeting was postponed due to time.

The personnel policy was discussed. Palmer discussed the drug and alcohol testing policy and did not feel hitting an animal should qualify as a reason for an employee needing to be drug and alcohol tested. Armstrong had to leave the meeting. It was discussed there needs to be different policies for secondary roads, the sheriff's

department, and other employees. The board will discuss the policy again at the next meeting.

With no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:45 AM and will meet again Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

Alan Armstrong, Chairman

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Melissa Wellhausen

Page County Auditor