

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

The Cass County Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 a.m. with all members present: Steve Baier, chair, Stephen Green, John Hartkopf and Mark O'Brien onsite; and Frank Waters electronically. Agenda upon motion by Green, 2nd by O'Brien was approved. Minutes of September 15, 2020 upon motion by Waters, 2nd by Hartkopf were approved.

Jon Schwanke asked the Board to consider placing a STOP sign or signs at the junction of 595th St and Lansing Road as this is a 'blind' intersection at the top of a hill. This has become a dangerous corner with increased traffic with the opening of the rock quarry. After considerable discussion it was concluded that a STOP sign is needed. Board will consider action at next session.

County Engineer reviewed current road projects.

Motion by O'Brien, 2nd by Hartkopf: to adopt RESOLUTION 2020-022. Carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-022 ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN COUNTY ROADS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of Sections 321.255 and 321.285 to determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the speed limit on any secondary road is greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions found to exist, and may determine and declare a reasonable and proper speed limit; and

**WHEREAS**, a rock quarry has recently opened south of Atlantic on 620<sup>th</sup> Street, creating more industrial traffic on surrounding roadways than had previously been; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors believe the existing conditions warrant the setting of a speed limit less than the maximum allowed on roadways without a restricted speed limit; and

**WHEREAS**, the speed limits as determined by the Board of Supervisors shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice of the speed limits are erected at the portions of secondary roadway;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Cass County Supervisors that speed limits be established and signs erected at the locations described as follows:

620<sup>th</sup> Street from Oxford Road (G43) north to the corporate limits of the city of Atlantic:

40 miles per hour speed limit;

Lansing Road from US Highway 6 to 620<sup>th</sup> Street: 40 miles per hour speed limit; and

Jasper Road from 620<sup>th</sup> Street to US Highway 71: 40 miles per hour speed limit.

Resolution adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2020.

State plans to make I-80 a six-lane highway and would like to close some underpasses. One of those is in Cass County at 570<sup>th</sup> St. State has proposed an incentive for closure of about 1.5 million dollars. After much discussion, including sharing of concerns from land owners and residents in the area, both north and south of I-80, the decision was to continue discussion at future meetings.

The Board in the employment contract with the Cass County Engineer scheduled a review of Engineer's performance after 6 months employment and the Board has scheduled today for such review. The Engineer has requested the interview be conducted in closed session.

Motion by Green, 2nd by O'Brien: pursuant to Code of Iowa 21.5(1)(i) "to go into closed session: to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose . . . performance, . . . is being considered . . . and that individual requests a closed session."

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was taken. Five ayes. Carried unanimously.

At about 9:56 the Board went into closed session with Board members, Auditor and the County Engineer Trent Wolken present.

At about 11:02 the Board returned to open session.

Motion by O'Brien, 2nd by Hartkopf: to adjourn. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting September 29, 2020.

/s/-Steve Baier, Chair

Attest: /s/-Dale Sunderman, Auditor