

December 21, 2015

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on the above date at 9:00 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the Mahaska County courthouse. Present were the following board members: Chairman ó Mark Doland; Vice chairman ó Henry VanWeelden; Member ó Mike Vander Molen. Also present were Jason Madison, CRI; Ken Allsup, Osky News; Emery Songer, KBOE; Andrew Jensen, MCDG; Dave Shanahan, County Engineer; Dave Sedivec, Conservation Director; Heather Gross, Community Services Director; Jamey Robinson, EMA; Steve Wanders; Annette Wanders; Arlen Veenk; Verna Bolibaugh; Bob Morris; Amy Meyer; Pat Scanlon; Madonna Bowie; Gavin Bowie; Meredith Nunnikhoven; Kerrilyn Nunnikhoven; Allison Nunnikhoven; Kaudis Klyn; David Phelps; Steve Burnett; Linda Crookham-Hansen; Mark Willett; Beth Danowsky; Joe Crookham; Cathy Fay; Sarah Kool; Lisa Wagner; Stephanie Faulkes; Jessica Witters; Katie Rosvold; Jason Van Donselaar; Sheryl Lockwood; Pete Fynaardt; Lyle Blom; Richard Vande Voordt; Keith Johnson; Peggy Wright; Mary Jane Sullivan; Andrea Hagist; Amy Toubekis; George Toubekis; Dave Krutzfeldt; Kevin Groenenboom; Alven Meppelink; Larry VanMaanen; Andrew Davis; Russell Reiter; Troy Bemis; Michael Schrock; Tom Walling; Mark Groenendyk and Susan Brown, Mahaska County Auditor.

This meeting was filmed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University.

Chairman Doland opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with a moment of silence.

It was moved by Vander Molen seconded by VanWeelden to approve the agenda for today's meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Vander Molen to approve minutes from December 7th meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Dave Sedivec presented Conservation Department report and it was placed on file. The Conservation Board is recommending Curtis Jager be reappointed for another term. It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Vander Molen to reappoint Curtis Jager to the Conservation Board for a term of five years ending December 31, 2020. All present voted aye. Motion carried. A habitat conservation easement near the Robertson Access area was also discussed.

There was no report presented for MCARD today.

It was moved by Vander Molen seconded by VanWeelden to approve appointment of Rob Hanlon as a medical examiner investigator as recommended by Dr. Whitis with Mahaska Health Partnership. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Vander Molen seconded by VanWeelden to approve the following resolution as presented by Heather Gross, Mahaska County Community Services Director. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution #2015-12-46

Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails

WHEREAS, counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses booked into jail each year; and

WHEREAS, prevalence rates of serious mental illnesses in jails are three to six times higher than for the general public; and

WHEREAS, almost three-quarters of adults with serious mental illnesses in jails have co-occurring substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, adults with mental illnesses tend to stay longer in jail and upon release are at a higher risk of recidivism than people without these disorders; and

WHEREAS, county jails spend two to three times more on adults with mental illnesses that require interventions compared to those without these treatment needs; and

WHEREAS, without the appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals and their families; and

WHEREAS, Mahaska and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, Mahaska County will be looking at building a Jail Alternatives Program, which helps people stay out of jail by offering mental health and substance use disorder treatment; and coordination of care while in the community.

WHEREAS, through the Stepping Up Initiative, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Foundation, are encouraging public, private and nonprofit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, THAT I, Mahaska, Mark Doland, Chair, do hereby sign on to the Call to Action to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our county jail, commit to sharing lessons learned with other counties in my state and across the country to support a national initiative and encourage all county officials, employees and residents to participate in Stepping Up. We resolve to utilize the comprehensive resources available through Stepping Up to:

- Convene or draw on a diverse team of leaders and decision makers from multiple agencies committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.
- Collect and review prevalence numbers and assess individuals' needs to better identify adults entering jails with mental illnesses and their recidivism risk, and use that baseline information to guide decision making at the system, program and case levels.
- Examine treatment and service capacity to determine which program and services are available in the county for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders, and identify state and local policy and funding barriers to minimizing contact with the justice system and providing treatment and supports in the community.
- Develop a plan with measurable outcomes that draws on the jail assessment and prevalence data and the examination of available treatment and service capacity, while considering identified barriers.

- Implement research-based approaches that advance the plan.
- Create a process to track progress using data and information systems, and to report on successes.

s/Mark Doland, Chairman

Date: 12-21-15

Attest: s/Susan L. Brown, Auditor

Jamey Robinson, EMA director, discussed an ID security card system for the county. Cities, fire departments and surrounding counties are on board. A grant will cover the cost.

It was moved by Vander Molen seconded by VanWeelden to approve the following resolution. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution #2015-12-47

RESOLUTION DISSOLVING LYNNDANA SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Mahaska County, Iowa (õthe Boardö) has determined that dissolution of the Lynndana Sanitary Sewer District (õthe Districtö) is warranted for the best interest of the public;

WHEREAS, notice has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in Mahaska County that the Board will receive and adjudicate claims against the District;

WHEREAS, no claim against the District has been received and all indebtedness, costs, and expenses of the District have been paid;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board:

- (1) hereby dissolves the Lynndana Sanitary Sewer District effective December 21, 2015;
- (2) directs that any FY16 property taxes hereafter collected for the District shall be deposited into the General Fund of Mahaska County; and
- (3) directs that the sum of all such collected property taxes be transferred to Mahaska Rural Water System for improvement, maintenance and/or operation of the sanitary sewers of properties within the now dissolved District.

Adopted this 21st day of December, 2015.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Vander Molen to reduce by 75% the recommendation of the Compensation Board for Mahaska County elected officials in fiscal year 16-17. Recommendation was 8% for all elected officials Attorney, Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder, Sheriff and Supervisors. With seventy-five percent reduction all elected officials will receive a 2% increase for fiscal year 16-17. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Engineer Shanahan discussed a trial period for use of cell phones with GPS capabilities. The current AVL system provided by Racom will no longer be active in the near future.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Vander Molen to authorize chairman to sign final pay voucher for secondary road project BROS-CO62(89)-5F-62. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The county farm/home property has been surveyed. Board will consult with county attorney to set an auction date and bid structure.

A petition to request a special election has been filed with the Board of Supervisors. It was moved by Vnader Molen seconded by VanWeelden to accept the petition and direct the auditor's office to schedule the election for May 3, 2016. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Committee reports: Supervisor Doland will be attending next chamber meeting.

Public comments: Heather Gross, Community Services Director updated the board regarding MCO's in Iowa. Wellcare has been dropped from state. AmeriHealth will be a local level provider and Mahaska County Case Management will continue as is.

Several citizens spoke to the board regarding purpose and use for the local option sales tax and ballot language possibilities.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Vander Molen to adjourn at 10:53 a.m. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Attest: _____
Susan L. Brown
Mahaska County Auditor

Mark Doland
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors