

July 26, 2018

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met in special session on the above date at 11:00 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the Mahaska County courthouse. Present were the following board members: Chairman – Henry VanWeelden; Vice chairman – Mark Groenendyk; Member – Steve Wanders. Also present were Ken Allsup, Osky News; Daryn Williams, CRI; Joe Lancello, KBOE; Charlie Comfort, The Sun; Angie Holland, Shelly Ragen; Deb VanEngelenhoven, Osky Herald; Russ Van Renterghem, Sheriff; Jamey Robinson, EMA; Sandra Rempe; Florence Rempe; Robert DeRooi; John Bandstra; Les Fynaardt; Jeff DeRooi; Bert Bandstra; Marion Vos; Dorothy Vos; Wayne Rozenboom; Robert Zelinsky; Jim VanZomerem; Mike Schrock; Marcia Slycord; Scott VanVeldhuizen; Paul DeGeest and Susan Brown, Mahaska County Auditor. This meeting was filmed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University.

Chairman VanWeelden opened the meeting at 11:00 a.m. with a moment of silence.

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

Public Comments: John Bandstra asked the board to carefully consider decision today regarding item 5. Consider action on possible appeal re: summary judgment airport ruling. There is improper information out there. Many comments concerning cost and changes in the plan. Feels SCRAA is bullying. Mike Schrock expressed concerns regarding the money spent on appeal by the cities and the county. Feels ruling is straight forward. The 28E was unanimously agreed upon originally. Why continue to delay? Litigation is about 28E validity not SCRAA. Florence Rempe supports those that want to appeal the ruling. Feels it is ok to spend county tax money on the appeal. Says no to building on our farm.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to approve fireworks application from Co-Line Welding Inc. for a display to be held on August 4, 2018. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to hire Attorney Gary Dickey as counsel on any Airport 28E matters in replacement of Attorney Dan Gonnerman who has moved out of state. VanWeelden – nay. Groenendyk – aye. Wanders – aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to move forward in appeal of recent ruling on Mahaska County participation in 28E with Oskaloosa and Pella regarding regional airport. VanWeelden – nay. Groenendyk – aye. Wanders – aye. Motion carried.

The board had not received an answer to the possible petition that was presented to the EMA and 911 commissions in June. Supervisor Groenendyk reviewed agendas and minutes from 2015 during the structuring of the merger of 911/EMA. These documents acknowledged the fact that the 28E in place at that time would need to be changed if merger was done. He presented a letter of follow up to the request from the board for a time to come together and discuss these issues and questions. It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by VanWeelden to accept and send the letter as read to the EMA and 911 chairpersons. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion held regarding the responsibilities of the board of supervisors in appointing and sitting on the 911 board. This will be discussed when the groups come together regarding the 28E agreement.

Public Comments: None

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to adjourn. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Attest: _____
Susan L. Brown
Mahaska County Auditor

Henry VanWeelden
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors