

Agenda Notice –

**The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors will meet on
Monday, April 18, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.
in the Third-floor conference room of the
Mahaska County Courthouse, 106 South 1st Street, Oskaloosa, IA.**

This meeting may be found at the following live stream link:

https://www.mahaskacounty.org/board_of_supervisors/meetings.php

In addition to this meeting being live-streamed, there will be available an audio-conferencing option for constituents to comment during public comments and any public hearing.

Audio conferencing number: 319-382-2695

Conference ID: 309 278 433#

You will be asked to state your name and press #.

If you call in and do not wish to speak, please be courteous and mute the microphone on your phone.

1. Approve agenda
2. Public Comments
3. 9:00 a.m. Public Hearing
 - * Mahaska County Courthouse HVAC replacement
4. Consider approval of courthouse HVAC project plans and authorize advertisement for bids
5. Approve minutes April 4
6. Accept 3rd qtr reports
 - * Recorder
 - * Sheriff
 - * VA
 - * Auditor
7. 1st Qtr report from Mahaska Chamber and Development Group
 - * Deann DeGroot
8. Consider request from Chamber/Main Street group for use of courthouse parking lot during summer events in 2022
9. Review and possible approval of Resolution #2022-16
 - * in support of RISE Grant Application for the SE Connector Project
10. Discussion regarding pavement improvements to 230th Street and Lynn Ave
11. Accept and authorize signature on Notice of Destruction of Noxious Weeds
12. Discussion with Conservation board concerning plan for expanded availability of Environmental Learning Center
13. Consider SmartSource Consulting invoice for additional hours above engagement re: Broadband project
14. Consider cell phone options for General Assistance part-time position
15. Consider fireworks application
 - * Co-Line Manufacturing, 1332 100th St, Lynnville
16. Accept final FY21 Mahaska County audit report
17. Closed session with counsel re: Iowa Code Section 21.5 1(c)
18. Consider action if needed following closed session
19. Public Comments
20. Committee Reports

**SECTION 00 1115
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR IOWA CITIES, COUNTIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

MAHASKA COUNTY COURTHOUSE HVAC REPLACEMENT

MAHASKA COUNTY, IA

To Whom It May Concern:

You are hereby notified that at 9:00 AM, Central Time on April 18, 2022, at the 106 S 1st St, Oskaloosa, IA 52577, there will be a public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost of the project. Any persons interested may appear and file objections to the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, or cost of such improvement.

The following is a description of the Public Improvement Replace existing steam heat and air cooled heat pumps with heating/cooling fan coil units.

The location of the project is as follows:

106 S 1st St, Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Published by order of the Mahaska County Board, Oskaloosa, IA.

By: Susan L. Brown

Title: Mahaska County Auditor

Publish: April 12, 2022

END OF SECTION 00 1115

April 4, 2022

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 - Mark Groenendyk; Vice chairman – Steve Wanders; and Member – Chuck Webb. Also present were Darin Hite; Joe Lancello, KBOE; John Bandstra; Dave Sedivec, Conservation Director; Paul Greufe; Mike Rodwell; Tom Flaherty, Economic Director; Russ Van Renterghem, Sheriff; via phone, Andrew Ritland, County Attorney; Connie Van Polen, County Treasurer; Roger Shindell; Stephanie Lathrop and Jody Van Patten, Deputy Auditor. This meeting was live streamed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University. Meeting was opened with a moment of silence.

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

Public comments: Conservation Director Dave Sedivec addressed the board regarding comments from the March 28, 2022, board meeting concerning reasoning as to why the Environmental Learning Center isn’t open to the public.

Roger Shindell and Stephanie Lathrop presented the quarterly review of HIPPA compliance for the county.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the bills for March in total \$1,061,712.68. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the minutes for March 21st, 23rd, and 28th. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to remove Larry Septer from the Sheriff’s Dept payroll effective April 23, 2022, and to add Michele Floen to the Sheriff’s Dept payroll effective March 29, 2022, as a part time jailer at the rate of \$13.00 per hour. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve 28E for police protection between the City of Eddyville and Sheriff’s Office for 31 hours per month in FY 22-23. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve Resolution 2022-14 approving and authorizing an application to be submitted for RPA 15 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program for improvements to County Route G29 from HWY 63 East to Oxford Ave. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-14

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED FOR RPA 15 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY ROUTE G29 FROM HIGHWAY 63 EAST TO OXFORD AVENUE IN MAHASKA COUNTY, IOWA.

WHEREAS: The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors desires to maintain a quality road system; and

WHEREAS: Certain roads in the county road system are eligible for improvements under the RPA Surface Transportation Block Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors hereby approves an application to be submitted to Area 15 Regional Planning Commission for Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds in order to make improvements to a portion of the following road:

County road G29, from Highway 63 East to Oxford Ave, approximately 4.44 miles, in Mahaska County, Iowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors does commit to providing other funds for the proposed project as required.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of April 2022.

Mahaska County Board of Supervisors:

Mark Groenendyk, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jody Van Patten, Mahaska County Deputy Auditor

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve and authorize signature on DOT five-year construction program. All present vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Webb to appoint Tom Flaherty to the Pella Planning and Zoning Commission. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve Resolution 2022-15 regarding General Services. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution #2022-15

Whereas, the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors has received a request by the General Assistance Director, Kim Newendorp, to convert her full-time position into part time,

Whereas, Kim Newendorp has agreed the part time position should be paid at an hourly rate of \$19.23 with a weekly schedule of 20 hours or less,

Whereas, consistent with the Mahaska County Employee Handbook a part time position would not be eligible for health insurance, dental insurance, group life insurance, paid vacation, paid holidays, sick leave, bereavement leave, or other benefits as outline in the employee handbook,

Whereas, the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors believes the request is in the best interests of the county,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED by the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors that effective on this date, the following:

1. The position of General Assistance Director shall be converted into part time with an hourly rate of \$19.23 not to exceed 20 hours per week,
2. Kim Newendorp shall be paid her accrued vacation and comp time of 391.13 hours at her current rate of pay \$18.83 an hour for a total of \$7,364.98,
3. Consistent with the Mahaska County Employment Handbook, the part time position will not be eligible for health insurance, dental insurance, group life insurance, paid vacation, paid holidays, sick leave, bereavement leave, or other benefits as of this date,
4. Health and dental insurance for Kim Newendorp will terminate on April 30, 2022 at which time she may elect to continue medical coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) if she otherwise qualifies,
5. Nothing in this resolution shall be construed as creating a contractual relationship and employment shall remain at-will.

Attest: Mahaska Co Auditor

Mahaska Co Board Chairman

It was the consensus of the board to accept the language of the 28E agreement as written with Mahaska County Solid Waste.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to move into closed session with counsel per Iowa Code 21.9. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to return to open session. (10:57 a.m.) All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

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

Attest: _____
Jody Van Patten
Mahaska Co. Deputy Auditor

Mark Groenendyk
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisors

County Recorder's Report of Fees Collected

(See Chapter 342, Code)

STATE OF IOWA,
 MAHASKA } ss.
 ----- County,

TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MAHASKA COUNTY:

I, Diane Upton Crookham, Recorder of the above named County and State, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct statement of the fees collected by me in my office for the quarter ending, March 31, 2022, and the same has been paid to the County Treasurer, as per duplicate voucher No. hereto attached:

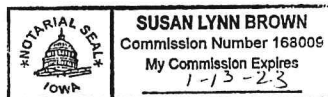
For Recording Deeds	01000-08000-4000-07	\$ 2,055.	00
For Real Estate Mortgages	01000-08000-4000-07	12,090	00
For Financing Statements	01000-08000-4000-07	45.	00
For Releases and Assignments	01000-08000-4000-07	1,695.	00
For Trade Names	01000-08000-4000-07	65.	00
For Furnishing Certified Copies	01000-08000-5500-07	345.	75
For Miscellaneous	01000-08000-4000-07	2,240.	00
For Revenue Stamps	01000-08000-4040-07	8,234.	01
For Writing Fee for Boats	01000-08000-4020-07	481.	25
For Writing Fee for Snowmobiles	01000-08000-4010-07	201.	25
For Writing Fee for Hunt. and Fish. License	01000-08000-4030-07	64.	50
For Boat Titles	68000-06000-4120-22	81.	25
For Boat Liens	01000-08000-4020-07-269	18.	75
For Records Management Account	12000-08000-4140-07-354	896.	00
For Passports	01000-08000-4150-07	-----	-----
For Vital Statistics Fees	01000-08000-4130-07	1,880.	00
For Snowmobile Titles	01000-08000-4010-07	340.	00
For Snowmobile Liens	01000-08000-4010-7	90.	00
TOTAL		\$30,822.	76

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Diane Upton Crookham
 Diane Upton Crookham County Recorder.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Diane Upton Crookham

County Recorder, this April 1, 2022.



Susan L. Brown
 Susan L. Brown Auditor, Mahaska County.

Auditor

Mahaska County Sheriff's Office
Monthly Disbursement To County Treasurer

Reporting Period: March, 2022

Account

01010-01000-4440-29-216	40% R & B Reimbursement	\$64.00
01010-01000-4440-29-215	60% R & B Reimbursement	\$96.00
01000-01000-5040-05-309	ACCIDENT, THEFT & INCIDENT REPORTS	\$60.00
01000-01000-4400-05-653	CONVEYING OF PRISONERS	\$825.00
01000-01000-4400-05-128	COPY FEES	\$79.50
01000-01000-8490-29-856	Fingerprinting Applicants	\$45.00
01000-01000-4400-05-2	MILEAGE	\$1,309.97
02000-01000-8490-31-386	MISC Wages/Meals	\$372.00
01000-01000-4490-05-974	SALVAGE VEHICLE INSPECTIONS	\$640.00
01000-01000-4400-05-307	SERVICE FEES	\$3,134.00
01000-01000-4450-05-746	SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	\$125.00
01000-01000-4410-05-132	WEAPONS PERMITS	\$680.00
01000-01000-4430-29-457	WORK RELEASE	\$900.00
Total:		\$8,330.47

Auditor

Mahaska County Sheriff's Office
Monthly Disbursement To County Treasurer

Reporting Period: February, 2022

Account

01000-01000-5040-05-309	ACCIDENT, THEFT & INCIDENT REPORTS	\$53.50
01000-01000-4400-05-653	CONVEYING OF PRISONERS	\$2,225.00
01000-01000-4400-05-128	COPY FEES	\$107.50
01000-01000-5040-05-311	DRIVERS LICENSE RECORD	\$4.50
01000-01000-4400-05-2	MILEAGE	\$2,802.30
02000-01000-8490-31-386	MISC Wages/Meals	\$1,179.29
01000-01000-8490-05-200	MISC. REFUND	\$3.71
01000-01000-4490-05-974	SALVAGE VEHICLE INSPECTIONS	\$560.00
01000-01000-4400-05-307	SERVICE FEES	\$4,445.00
01000-01000-4450-05-746	SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	\$125.00
01000-01000-4410-05-132	WEAPONS PERMITS	\$1,200.00
Total:		\$12,705.80

Auditor

Mahaska County Sheriff's Office
Monthly Disbursement To County Treasurer

Reporting Period: January, 2022

Account		
01010-01000-4440-29-216	40% R & B Reimbursement	\$145.13
01010-01000-4440-29-215	60% R & B Reimbursement	\$217.70
01000-01000-5040-05-309	ACCIDENT, THEFT & INCIDENT REPORTS	\$25.00
01000-01000-4400-05-653	CONVEYING OF PRISONERS	\$425.00
01000-01000-4400-05-128	COPY FEES	\$37.53
01000-01000-4400-05-2	MILEAGE	\$802.94
10000-04000-8490-60-386	MISC Mental Heath/Wages/Meals	\$279.00
01000-01000-4490-05-974	SALVAGE VEHICLE INSPECTIONS	\$360.00
01000-01000-4400-05-307	SERVICE FEES	\$1,885.00
01000-01000-4450-05-746	SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	\$75.00
01000-01000-4410-05-132	WEAPONS PERMITS	\$1,240.00
Total:		\$5,492.30

\$ 1.50 (cash) Office of COUNTY TREASURER No 25440

Mahaska County, January 24, 2022

Received of Mahaska County Auditor
One dollar and 50/100 Dollars

Fund 01000-09000-5500-02 For Copies

SAH, Deputy CONNIE VAN POLEN, CO. TREAS.

	Total Office fees	19.35
OTHER COLLECTIONS		
Plat Books		25.00
Maps		
	Total Office Fees	19.35
	Total	44.35

All of which is respectfully submitted
Susan L. Brown
County Auditor

Subscribed and sworn to before me by
County Auditor, this day of 2022
Susan Brown

Notary Public in the State of Iowa

Report Approved

Mahaska County Veterans Affairs
FY 21/22 3rd Quarterly Activity Report

Forty-eight VA claims filed in first three quarters of FY22

We filed 14 VA claims in the 3rd quarter, bringing our total for the year to 48 thus far. VA assistance included compensation for service-connected disabilities, dependent indemnities and needs-based pensions to veterans and their surviving spouses.

Benefits awarded by the VA provide a significant boost to the area economy as February's numbers attest.

<i>VA monthly awards to Mahaska County residents (February 2022)</i>	<u>#</u>	<u>\$\$\$</u>
Service-connected disability compensation	236	\$ 354,512
Dependents Indemnity Compensation	25	\$ 38,384
Veterans Pension	23	\$ 18,564
Survivor's Pension	<u>14</u>	<u>\$ 11,732</u>
Total February payments to Mahaska County residents	302	\$ 403,096

Monthly VA awards to veterans and their family members in the county total approximately \$5 million a year. Coupled with veterans' healthcare valued at more than \$5 million, VA expenditures for Mahaska County veterans and their survivors total more than \$11 million a year.

Mahaska County Veterans Affairs

The most important duty of the Mahaska County Veterans Affairs Director and Commissioners is to assist veterans and/or their dependents access the benefits to which they are entitled. In addition to the VA benefits already mentioned, we also assist with the VA Home Loan Guaranty and burial benefits. State-level benefits include property tax exemptions or credits, veterans' license plates and veteran designation on drivers licenses as well as hunting and fishing licenses.

We also help veterans apply for the following:

- emergency assistance from the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs Trust Fund;
- residence at the Iowa Veterans Home; and
- burial at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery.

Despite a 10 percent decrease in the county's veteran population over the most recently reported three years (FY2018 - FY2020), we continue to secure significant VA assistance for all who are eligible.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION
FOR A STATE OF IOWA REVITALIZE IOWA'S SOUND ECONOMY GRANT
FOR THE US 63 - IA 23 CONNECTOR PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa made available \$18 million for promoting economic development through the construction or improvement of roads and streets; and,

WHEREAS, the Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy, also known as RISE grant program, has funding for local development projects related to economic developments such as Certified Sites and industrial parks; and,

WHEREAS, the US 63 - IA 23 CONNECTOR PROJECT is a surface transportation project that satisfies many of the selection criteria identified in the grant, including: development potential, economic impact, local commitment and initiative, and area economic need; and,

WHEREAS, this construction project is a continuation of the planning studies that have resulted in the construction of the existing SW US HWY 163 bypass and the currently under design NW US HWY 163 bypass; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oskaloosa, in partnership with Mahaska County, and Mahaska Chamber & Development Group are preparing a RISE grant application to build the US 63 - IA 23 Connector project; and,

WHEREAS, the total project cost is estimated to be \$11,277,576, with the RISE grant application amount of \$7,330,424; and,

WHEREAS, Mahaska County and the City of Oskaloosa have agreed to equally (50/50) share the local match of approximately \$3,947,152; and,

WHEREAS, the actual project cost and the Mahaska County and City of Oskaloosa cost share would be determined upon project letting; and,

WHEREAS, the project will be adequately maintained and dedicated to public use for a minimum of 20 years after completion of the project; and,

WHEREAS, the Board Chairman recommends that the Board of Supervisors authorize the US63 - IA 23 Connector project for the State of Iowa Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy, also known as RISE grant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Mahaska County, Iowa that the County Engineer or designee is authorized to submit the above-described grant application in the amount \$7,330,424 on behalf of Mahaska County to the State of Iowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Mahaska County, Iowa that the Board Chairman and County Auditor are hereby authorized and directed to execute said application and required certifications for and on behalf of Mahaska County, Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 18th day of April, 2022.

Notice of Destruction of Noxious Weeds

To All Property Owners in Mahaska County, IA

You are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 317 of the Code of Iowa, Chapter 58 of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Administrative Code, and amendments thereto; the Board of Supervisors and the appointed Weed Commissioner of Mahaska County, Iowa declare that owners or persons in control of real estate within said county shall **eradicate** all Class A noxious weeds and **control** all Class B noxious weeds

The following recommended dates are guidelines only. All Class A noxious weeds to be eradicated and all Class B noxious weeds to be controlled from Chapter 58 of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Administrative Code, 21-58.4(317) are listed below. Measures of control shall take place at such time, in each year, and in such a manner as shall prevent such weeds from blooming or coming to maturity throughout the growing season. Weather conditions may cause weeds to mature several weeks ahead of normal and consequently require control measures prior the listed dates. Any landowner with property under CPR contract with the USDA is encouraged to consult with their local office and must abide by contract requirements.

Priority Weed Species as specified by IDALS Admin. Code 58 (2018)

Class A Noxious Weeds for eradication include: May 15, 2022 –Palmer Amaranth

Class B Noxious Weeds for control include:

Group 1: May 15, 2022 – Musk Thistle and Leafy Spurge

Group 2: June 15, 2022 – Canada Thistle, Common Teasel, and Multiflora Rose

Group 3: June 30, 2022—Field Bindweed, Bull Thistle, and Plumeless Thistle

Other Noxious Weed Species listed in Chapter 317.1(A) to be controlled are:

Quack Grass, Perennial Sow Thistle, Horse Nettle, Perennial Peppergrass, Russian Knapweed, Buckthorn, Butterprint, Cocklebur, Wild Mustard, Wild Carrot, Buckhorn Plantain, Sheep Sorrel, Sour Dock, Smooth dock, Poison Hemlock, Wild Sunflower, Puncture Vine, Shattercane

In case of landowners and tenants failing to comply with an order to destroy weeds made pursuant to Chapter 317, Chapter 58 of the Iowa Department of Agriculture Administrative Code, and amendments thereto, the Weed Commissioner or Deputies assigned by the Weed Commissioner may enter private lands five days after serving a destruction notice in order to conduct control on any weed infestation. The cost of this destruction, the cost of serving notice, and other related costs will be billed. If the bill is not paid, the cost of said destruction will be assessed to the tax roles of the weed violator. Also, the weed commissioner may pose a fine for each day of non-compliance up to ten days at the rate of ten dollars per day.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MAHASKA COUNTY

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2022

Mark Groenendyk, , Chairman

Ben Hoskinson, Weed Commissioner

Attest:

Sue Brown, Mahaska Co. Auditor