

May 2, 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; Paul Greufe; Tom Flaherty, Connie Van Polen, Lindsey Thomas; Ryan Kelly and Susan Brown, 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: None

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the bills for April. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the minutes for April 18 meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to set public hearing for FY22 Mahaska County Budget Amendment, May 16, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

CellSite Solutions LLC invoice #QUO-5005 was tabled until it is changed to reflect the correct date.

Board discussed submitted human resources service contract from PF Greufe & Associates who is county’s current HR consultant. The insurance committee (in conjunction with Holmes Murphy) had also presented information on an HR consultant out of Missouri, K-Met. Decision was tabled to gather more information.

Mr. Greufe gave an update on salary survey that is in process. He has received approximately 50% of requests from external entities for comparison job descriptions. Formation of the employee/outside private company members committee is almost complete. This committee will review and score job descriptions. Concerns were raised regarding those departments with separate boards that oversee the department and how that would look in participating in the survey.

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: Supervisor Groenendyk reported from recent EMA Commission meeting that the group had voted to sue county once again following the recent ruling on respondent’s motion for summary judgment which was in favor of Mahaska County, Board of Supervisors and Auditor. Board members expressed frustration over continuation of the suit which has been ruled on three times in the county’s favor. Also concerned as to the funding of

the suits which has amounted to about a half a million dollars. Funding for further action could very well require cuts in the county departmental budgets including staff. Other department heads did not want cuts to their budgets or staff to fund continuous lawsuits against the county by the same entity. Given the list of those on the commission who voted to bring suit again includes our own sheriff the board discussed rescinding the approval of hiring an additional deputy. The county attorney and outside counsel both believe the commission is using illegal taxation in funding for 911 services in the county.

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

Attest: _____
Susan L. Brown
Mahaska Co. Deputy Auditor

Mark Groenendyk
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisors