

May 16, 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; Deann DeGroot; Tom Flaherty; Andrew Ritland; Andy McGuire; Jamey Robinson; Connie VanPolen Russ VanRenterghem Lindsey Thomas, Mike Rodwell, Renee Simpson, Jeannette Newendorp, Eric Dursky, Judy Funk, Judi Hamaker, Katie Lord, Chris Bowers, Dave Humburg, Jennifer Wilson, Kevin Pope, Josh Crouse, Jesse Sanders, Ben Johnston, Jim Arment, David Wilke, Nick Batterson, Brad Boender 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 moving #15 Committee Reports to directly follow #4 Approval of Budget Amendment. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public comments: Treasurer Van Polen registered as in favor of the name change for the audit firm to Terpstra Hoke & Assoc. P.C. in continuation of the three year audit contract currently in force..

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to open public hearing concerning the Mahaska County FY22 proposed budget amendment. There were no written or public comments. Main amendments were in Capital Improvements for Radio Communication project expense; ARPA funding costs in regard to HVAC project in courthouse; legal fees; and mental health fund balance that will be forwarded to the South Central Behavioral Health Region. It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to close public hearing. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve Mahaska County budget amendment FY22 as published. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

A 2021 Award of Excellence from BEST (Business Expansion & Strategic Trends) was presented to Mahaska County for business retention and expansion efforts in collaboration with IHCC, Oskaloosa Chamber & Development, Area 15 and Mid-American Energy. Chairman Groenendyk thanked all for the partnership and desire to see our local businesses grow.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the minutes of May 2 meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The Mahaska County Health Plan Insurance committee presented options for FY23 renewal of insurance plans for July 1 of this year. The Health Plan Trust Fund’s balance was \$818,995 as of last Friday. For medical plan there are two options: Health Partners (current provider) and Wellmark. Either option would not change the county contribution for the plan. There would be some differences in cost for the employee. The committee had done a survey of

employees as to their preference between the two. Cobra administration would stay with current ISolved. They are looking at a possible change in dental provider and adding vision that would be 100% employee paid premium. Committee is interested in offering an FSA in the future. AFLAC offering would stay the same. Open enrollment will run from May 23 to June 3. Board will meet Wednesday afternoon to act on options.

Judi Hamaker and Judy Funk presented the FY23 renewal for the county’s coverage for property, liability, casualty and workers comp. It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to authorize signature to approve insurance schedules and bind coverage. All present voted aye. Moton carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the following resolution. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution #2022-17
2022 County Five Year Program Resolution 0.2
Mahaska County Secondary Roads

Unforeseen circumstances have arisen since adoption of the approved Secondary Road Five Year Program and previous revisions, requiring changes to the sequence, funding, and timing of the proposed work plan.

The Board of Supervisors of Mahaska County, Iowa, in accordance with Iowa Code section 309.22, initiates and recommends modification of the

following project(s) in the accomplishment year (State Fiscal Year 2022), for approval by the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT), per Iowa Code 309.23 and Iowa DOT Instructional Memorandum 2.050.

The following projects shall be MODIFIED as follows:

Project Number Project Location AADT | Type of Work Modifications (Total
Name Description of Work Length IFund
Project ID Bridge ID |

L-C062(237790)--73-62 On G 19, Over 30 1320 Bridges added 80,000 Local dollars to 2022 | \$80,000

Bridge 237790 Rehab DRAINAGE, S20 T77 0.000 miles Local . removed 80,000 Local dollars from 2023

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L -C062(237740)--73-62 On 115TH ST, Over 10

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320 Bridges \added 80,000 Local dollars to 2022 | \$80,000

Bridge 237740 Rehab MOON CREEK, S7 T77 0.000 miles Local | removed 80,000 Local dollars from 2023 | 45677 R14 237740 |

Accomplishment Year

Fund Previous Amount New Amount Net Change

Local \$6,260,000 \$6,420,000 \$160,000

Fa rm-to-Market \$6,200,000 \$6,200,000 \$0

Special \$0 \$0 \$0

SWAP \$850,000 \$850,000 \$0

Federal Aid -r \$0 \$0 \$0

Totals 1..

\$13,310,000 \$13,470,000 \$160,000

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve amendment to Secondary Road DOT budget. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was noted that Janine Hol has completed her probationary period in the maintenance department and will be given benefit agreed to when hired.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to change the audit firm name on the three year contract currently in effect for county auditing services to Terpstra Hoke & Associates P.C. They have purchased auditing contracts from Hunt & Associates, P.C. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve tobacco sales permit for Dollar General Store #21310, New Sharon. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The board expressed concern over the fact that another suit has been filed against the county by the EMA Commission. Supervisor Groenendyk discussed concerns of county in defending against and the funding that is required to do so. The board questioned how many times suit will continue to be brought, given the outcomes of the three so far. The funding for suit defense has to come from general and general supplemental funds, taxpayer supported. Board commented that all departments may have to share the burden of cuts to be able to fund defense. Sheriff VanRenterghem addressed the board about the agenda item to rescind authority for hiring of a deputy at this time. It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to rescind authority to hire new deputy. Groenendyk aye; Wanders: nay; Webb aye. Motion carried.

Jamey Robinson, EMA director spoke to the idea that all the suits etc were because of him. He noted that he did not need an extension for budget last year but commission was concerned about what the county was doing in their budget. He was concerned about the lateness of the budget certification. He agrees the suits are huge waste of money. He wants to be done with this as does the sheriff. He thought the board of supervisors back in 2015 felt combining EMA/911 would streamline some things. 911 was not functioning well before then. Attorney Carl Salmons and then Co Attorney Blomgren both supported the change. Previous Co Attorney Stream did not. There is a difference of opinion on the law. Supervisor Groenendyk was aware that Attorney Salmons had since changed his interpretation of the code.

Director Robinson also reminded that it is up to the entire commission (including city representatives) to vote to change the funding process.

Supervisor Wanders expressed his frustration with the suits and said that he strongly supports funding for 911 be on a per capita basis. Cities need to take responsibility for funding and not vote it all on a county wide levy which is unfair to unincorporated taxpayers. He will not support an illegal levy which the board's legal representatives, including current county attorney, say it is illegal.

Sheriff VanRenterghem also noted that the court has not ruled on all of the issues that surround this difference of opinion on funding.

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

The board then held a work session with County Engineer Andrew McGuire and residents along 230th St and Lynn Ave concerning the 2002 asphalt pavement and agreement that was made between the residents and county at that time. At the time some residents voluntarily provided 70% of the cost with the county taking care of the other 30%. The area now needs maintenance and the agreement does not address that.

Former Supervisor Willie VanWeelden spoke as to the intention of the board at that time saying the agreement should be expanded to include maintenance. Co Engineer feels at this time best approach is to patch, then mill off and redo asphalt over that. Group of residents attending agree with this approach. Secondary Road is willing to do project yet this year and estimated cost is \$160,000.

Once it is done crack seal should be done every 8-10 years and maybe could get up to 30 years life.

An agreement will be drafted with a shared pay schedule and language that would include the maintenance expected. Will look into the possibility of a special assessment

Attest: _____
Susan L. Brown
Mahaska County Auditor

Mark Groenendyk
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisors