

## February 06, 2023

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, IT; Russ Van Renterghem, Sheriff; Tom Flaherty, Andrew McGuire, County Engineer; Chris Clingan, Conservation; Connie Van Polen, County Treasurer; Henry Vernooy, Shane Vernooy, Deann De Groot, Chamber (via phone) and Teri Rogers, County Auditor. This meeting was live streamed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University.

Chairman Groenendyk opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Groenendyk recommended removing item 13 from today's agenda, per Andrew Ritland. It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the agenda as changed for today's meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public comments: None

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve minutes of four (4) budget work sessions (Jan 12th, 13th, 17th and 20th). All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve minutes of January 16 and January 17. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve changes in the Mahaska County Auditor's office (Rogers and Hanselman replacing Brown and Van Patten) and the Mahaska County Conservation department (Clingan replacing Sedevic) for banking purposes with regards to credit card access. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to accept the correction of Standing Committee appointments. Steve Wanders is the representative on the South Central Behavioral Health committee instead of Chuck Webb. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to accept the resignation of Michael Conley from Secondary Roads. His last day was January 27, 2023. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to accept all the changes regarding payroll for the Sheriff's office.

- ✚ Megan Balmer added as a full-time jailer. Her employment was effective January 20, 2023. Her starting salary will be \$41,016 and she will be subject to a 6-month probationary period (with no wages withheld during probation).
- ✚ Crystal Malloy added as a full-time jailer, effective February 13, 2023. Because she is already Iowa certified as a correctional officer and has 3 years of experience, her annual

salary will start at \$44,342. She will be subject to a 6-month probationary period (with no wages withheld during probation).

✚ Jordan Redlinger moved from a full-time jailer to a part-time jailer, effective February 10, 2023. His part-time wage will be \$14 per hour with no benefits.

✚ Katie O'Halloran added as a part-time jailer effective February 3, 2023. Her hourly wage will be \$14 per hour with no benefits.

All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Sheriff Russ Van Renterghem gave an update on the camera system to the Board.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to appoint Jennifer Peterson to the Conservation Board. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to accept the 2nd quarter report for Veterans Affairs. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

There was discussion around the zoning verification request for B&H Auto to move to 2650 Luminary Lane, Oskaloosa. This must go before the City of Oskaloosa first due to its jurisdiction for planning and zoning and land use.

There was discussion regarding the SARA agreement. Board Member Webb motioned seconded by Wanders to table this agenda item until the next meeting due to tonight's City Council meeting.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the agreement and contract for police protection services between Mahaska County and the City of Rose Hill (for July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023). Payment of \$50 was received. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Considered Mahaska County Revolving Loan Fund application for Stepping Stones Christian Bookstores (Mindy Uitermarkt) for the purchase of the Eagles Nest Christian Book Store. It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the loan amount of \$48,000. The offer is contingent upon the collection of \$24,000 for down payment. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to give permission to the Chamber to use the county parking lot during the 2023 Chamber events as long as the parking lot is not in use for equipment related to the installation of the HVAC system. The 2023 schedule is as follows. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

✚ June 10 – Art on the Square

✚ June 2, June 9, June 16 – Friday after Five

✚ July 27 – Sweet Corn Serenade

✚ November 18 – Turn on the Lights

✚ December 1 – Merry Little Downtown Christmas

✚ December 2 – Lighted Christmas Parade

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to move forward with the purchase of a self-propelled shouldering machine that will be shared by six (6) counties (Keokuk, Washington, Henry, Lee, Clinton and Mahaska) with the cost per county at \$41,086.33. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to award contract for the resurfacing of county routes G77 and T67, project number FM-C062(101)-55-62. This is a partnership with Wapello County. Late start date – June 26, 2023 with completion by November 15, 2023. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

Chuck reported on education; met with the superintendent last week.

Tom Flaherty and Chris Clingan hosted USDA’s Under Secretary of Agriculture for rural development. The Under Secretary viewed a skid steer that Conservation received using a USDA grant to purchase.

Groenendyk reminded everyone of EMA/911 Consultant review tonight at Oskaloosa City Council meeting.

**Public Comments:**

Tom reported on comprehensive housing consultant at City Council meeting tonight, February 6, 2023.

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Teri Rogers  
Mahaska County Auditor

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Mark Groenendyk  
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisors