

January 22, 2019

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 – Steve Parker. Also present were Angie Holland, Oskey Herald; Amanda Devore, CRI; Joe Lancello, KBOE; R.D. Keep, The Sun; Chris Bowers, RPA 15; Ann Smith, Tom Flaherty, OACDG; Deann DeGroot, MCARD; Andrew Ritland, Attorney; Russ VanRenterghem, Sheriff; Dave Sedivec, Conservation Director; Mike Rodwell, Sec Rd; Heather Gross, CDS; Alven Meppelink and Susan Brown, Mahaska County Auditor. This meeting was filmed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University.

Chairman Groenendyk opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with a moment of silence.

It was moved by Parker seconded by Wanders to approve agenda for today's meeting with removal of Item #4: Accept Proposals for Radio System Management Services and Tower Site Development and Project Management Services from Rey Freeman Communications Consulting and authorize chairman to sign contracts. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

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

Resolution #2019-04

**Resolution Providing For the Financial Support of the
Regional Planning Affiliation (RPA 15)**

WHEREAS, the state of Iowa has designated the counties of Jefferson, Keokuk, Mahaska, Van Buren, Wapello along with the cities of Fairfield, Oskaloosa and Ottumwa as the Regional Planning Affiliation for Region 15 (RPA 15), and;

WHEREAS, RPA 15 Articles of Agreement, signed on December 22, 1994, and amended on January 23, 2014 designate the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission (Area 15 RPC) as the Regional Planning Affiliation for Region 15; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) requires each RPA to provide transportation planning to member jurisdictions prior to receiving Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding from the Iowa Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, RPA 15 expects to receive and program an estimated \$2,403,999 in federal highway transportation grant funds for FY20 to be used for road improvements in RPA 15, of which Mahaska County's estimated share is \$312,297; and

WHEREAS, the IDOT requires Area 15 RPC to provide twenty percent (20%) local match toward the annual IDOT planning grant; and the FY20 local match requirement is an estimated \$21,205 and shall be proportionally shared by the member jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS. The governing body of Mahaska County is a member of RPA 15 and whose apportioned share of FY20 local match equals \$2,755

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mahaska County has agreed to contribute \$2,755 to the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission to serve as FY20 local match. Agreed to this 22nd day of January, 2019.

Ann Smith and Tom Flaherty thanked the board for participating in recent Eggs & Issues gathering and discussing manufacturing in the county. OACDG will bring quarterly reports to the board. Deann DeGroot also provided information from her MCARD monthly report.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Parker to approve minutes from January 2, 7, 8, 9 & 10 meetings. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Parker to accept the following semi-annual and 2nd quarter reports: Treasurer; Sheriff; Recorder and Veterans Affairs. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to make the following payroll change in the Sheriff's Dept: Add Timothy Nance as part time civilian transport employee effective January 2nd, 2019 at rate of \$12.00/hr. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to approve the following payroll change in the Auditor's office: Remove Veronica Johnson from payroll effective January 18, 2019. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Parker seconded by Wanders to appoint Lucinda Smith to Pioneer Cemetery Commission for a three year term ending December 31, 2021. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Dave Sedivec, Conservation Director, gave monthly report and it was placed on file.

Board briefly discussed recommendation from Compensation Board for FY20 elected officials salaries, noting the difficulty in approving it. Increase of 8% for sheriff; 6% for attorney and 3% for auditor, treasurer, recorder and supervisors. Also noting cost of living increase at 2.8%. It was moved by Parker seconded by Wanders to table action on the recommendation from Compensation board regarding elected official salaries for FY20; ask them to meet again and submit decision to board by first Monday in February. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Parker to approve and authorize chairman to sign easement with MidAmerican Energy for transmission lines on county shop property near Truax. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Heather Gross, CDS (Coordinator of Disability Services) in South Central Behavioral Health Region, of which Mahaska County is a member, gave an overview of programs and services that the region has implemented and made available to citizens of Mahaska County.

Committee reports: Supervisor Wanders reported 10-15 Transit is growing and stable. He and Supervisors Parker and Groenendyk attended ISAC's New Officers School last week.

Public Comments: None

It was moved by Parker seconded by Wanders to go into closed session at 10:06 a.m. per Iowa Code 21.5i for employee evaluation. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Parker seconded by Wanders to go into open session at 10:45 a.m. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

No action taken from the closed session.

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

Attest: _____
Susan L. Brown
Mahaska County Auditor

Mark Groenendyk
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors