

**December 7, 2020**

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on the above date at 8:00 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; Member – Chuck Webb (via telephone). Also present were Darin Hite, IT; Joe Lancello, KBOE; Tom Flaherty, Economic Dev; Andrew Ritland, Co Atty; Scott Miller, Sheriff’s office; Troy Bemis, Maintenance Director; Angela Livezey; Mary Sexton and Susan Brown, Mahaska County Auditor. Kyle Ocher, Osky Herald and Jamey Robinson, EMA/911 attended by telephone. This meeting was live streamed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University.

A moment of silence opened the meeting.

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 Wanders seconded by Webb to open public hearing on proposed Ordinance #27. The ordinance is to designate portions of 135<sup>th</sup> St as one-way traffic in front of North Mahaska Community School. Angela Livezey, North Mahaska superintendent, spoke in favor of making this change on 135<sup>th</sup> St for the safety of children. Mary Sexton also supported stating it was necessary for safety. It was noted that both sheriff and county engineer are also in favor. 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 pass and approve Ordinance #27. All present voted aye. Motion carried. It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to waive second and third consideration of ordinance. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

**Resolution #2020-27**  
**Final Order on Alley Vacation – Code 354.23**

WHEREAS: A hearing was held on October 19, 2020, on the matter of vacating and closure of a portion of Mahaska County Secondary Roads described as follows:

The alley in the Town of Evans in Section 17, Township 75 North, Range 16 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Mahaska County, Iowa, described approximately as follows:

An alley measuring 23 feet in width which runs between Lot 15 of the Plat of the Town of Evans on the west side and lots 9 through 16 of the Bowser’s subdivision on the east side, also known as Logan St.

AND WHEREAS: Said part of the official plat for the town of Evans is deemed no longer to be a benefit to the public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Mahaska County that said part of the official plat of the town of Evans is hereby vacated and is conveyed to the adjoining proprietors through this instrument as follows:

The west half of the alley measuring 11 ½ feet wide and running the length of lot 15 is hereby conveyed to Thomas Bates and Diana Gordin, 309 Evans Logan St, Oskaloosa, IA 52577, husband and wife, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common.

The southeast part of the alley measuring 11 ½ feet wide and running the length of the south half of lot 14 and continuing to lot 15 and 16, is hereby conveyed to Howard A Dittmer, Jr., 207 Evans Logan St, Oskaloosa, IA 52577.

The northeast part of the alley measuring 11 ½ feet wide and running the length of the north half of lot 14 and continuing to lot 13, 12, 11, 10, and 9, is hereby conveyed to Elory L Fry & Patricia K Fry, 309 Evans Grant St, Oskaloosa, IA 52577, husband and wife, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to deny any and all claims filed on any of the road closing acted on in this meeting, motion carried.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to accept and authorize chairman to sign two bridge rehabilitation contracts – Project Number: L-BR-C062(02)-20 with Skyline Enterprises \$72,832.80 and Project Number: L-BR-C062(03)-20 with State Line Bridge Co \$100,6262,.00. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve 2020 Weed Commissioners Report submitted by Ben Hoskinson to be filed with IDALS. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the minutes of meetings on November 16 and 25. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the bills for the month of November in total \$528,978.91. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to remove Gabrielle Selzer from sheriff's office payroll effective November 24, 2020. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to add Roger Prins to Secondary Road payroll as Equipment Operator effective November 30, 2020. Due to qualifications starting rate will be 90% of base rate: \$23.47/hr. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve Twelve Month Class C Liquor License application for The Peppertree effective November 10, 2020. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve as recommended by assessor 5,168 homestead tax credit claims (including 46 disabled veterans homestead claims) and 783 military claims for tax credit along with 5,259 family farm applications (including two disallowances) and 11,352 agricultural land credit applications for fiscal year taxes payable 2021-2022. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve assessor recommended disallowance for two Business Property Tax Credit applications for assessment year 2020 at 802 High Ave W, Oskaloosa and 503 Bridge St, Eddyville, IA. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to acknowledge Dec 1<sup>st</sup> tax increment financing indebtedness certification to auditor for Northwest Urban Renewal Area and Prairie Wind Urban Renewal Area for FY21/22. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Appointments to Mahaska County Solid Waste were tabled.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Webb to agree to and execute \$40,000.00 offer to buy real estate at 2321 330<sup>th</sup> St, Eddyville, IA for use as tower site in new Mahaska County radio communications system. All present voted aye. Motion carried. It was noted that third and final tower site acquisition is ongoing and will have another 60 days before it will be able to move forward.

Discussion as to proposed revisions to Temporary COVID-19 Disaster Emergency Leave Policy. It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Webb to accept three revisions: quarantine timetable to reflect new CDC guidelines; contacting payroll department in auditor's office to discuss leave and coordinator will encourage the work area of infected person is properly cleaned. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Board discussed budget considerations for FY22. They expect to keep budgets flat. Valuation figures are showing small increase but need to factor in rollbacks and a flat cost of living.

Public comments: Jamey Robinson expressed appreciation to the board for huge step in approving real estate purchase for tower site.

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan L. Brown  
Mahaska County Auditor

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Mark Groenendyk – Chairman  
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors