

February 16, 2021

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, Member – Chuck Webb. Also present were Darin Hite, IT; Russ Van Renterghem, Sheriff; Joe Lancello, KBOE; Tom Flaherty; Econ Dev; Lindsey Thomas, Assessor; Andrew Ritland, Co Attorney; Andrew McGuire, Engineer; Mike Rodwell; Zach Mousel; Warner Keegel; Deann DeGroot; Dale Brand; and Susan Brown, Mahaska County Auditor. Brad Beaman by telephone conferencing. This meeting was live streamed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University.

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve 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 re: vacating Mahaska County Road in Section 33, Jefferson Twp. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Warner Keegel addressed the board saying he needs access to 80 acres of property at the end of road where county wants to vacate. Asking for rock and drainage work. Co Engineer replied that no one was aware of this segment being a part of the county road system and did not know it had not been vacated. Mr. Beaman attorney for Mr. Keegel commented that vacation will not allow access to the property. If the board wanted to allow access that is fine but if board vacates Mr. Keegel would ask for compensation. Fair market value of 1.5 acres. He had already submitted a claim but did not specify amount. Board consensus was to continue hearing to March 15 to give time for a claim with amount to be submitted for consideration. It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to continue this hearing to March 15 at 9:00 a.m. All present voted aye. Motion carried. It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to close public hearing. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Dale Brand, Co-Line Welding, discussed with the board an expansion project that Co-Line is planning. Project would add possibly 16 employees. Asking board to consider an update to current NW Urban Renewal Plan for a possible TIF rebate agreement. He expressed appreciation for the cooperation county has given in the past.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the minutes of February 1, 2 and 10 meetings. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve and add the following to payroll: add D'Arcy Ver Beek to Secondary Road payroll part-time as janitor at hourly rate of \$16.00/hr effective February 10, 2021; Kristyne Jenna Ford to Treasurer Dept payroll full-time at 60% (\$37,813.80) of Treasurer's salary effective February 18, 2021; Taylor Smith to Sheriff's Dept as full-time jailer effective February 24, 2021 at \$34,500/yr during six month probation period then \$35,000/yr. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Four bids were received for Secondary Road Project – Taintor Road (T38) Concrete Overlay: Manatts Inc. - \$2,178,718.91; Cedar Valley Corp - \$2,427,022.32; Flynn Company - \$2,476,140.76; Concrete Technologies Inc. - \$2,943,577.71. Estimate had been \$2.5M. Project begins at T intersection of Old Highway 102 and T38 and ends at Jasper Co. line – 4.40 miles in length – completion this fall. It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to award bid to Manatts Inc. for \$2,178,718.91. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to set public hearing for consideration of resolution on Proposed Property Tax Levy for FY22 on March 1st, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Board considered a quote to allow for options in offering more than one location to do online meeting formats. It would include a cart and tv for \$800 without computer which would add \$500-\$600. It was moved by Webb to approve purchase of equipment including computer not to exceed \$1400. Motion died for lack of second. Will table to next meeting.

There will be no appeal from EMA/911 of judge's recent decision in lawsuit. Agreement will revert back to original 1991 28E between the entities. County Attorney Ritland pointed out items that will need to be addressed: view of county on how funding/management will look for the rest of this fiscal year; other entities involved will need to address their own funding mechanism for the remainder of year; then also for next fiscal year; looks like a per capita model is preferred; 28E amendments will need to be looked at. This topic will be placed on next board agenda.

Public comments: Supervisor Groenendyk noted that county funding of 911 could affect budget for Secondary Road next year.

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

Attest: _____
Susan Brown
Mahaska Co. Auditor

Mark Groenendyk
Mahaska Co Board of Supervisors