

**March 15, 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; Joe Lancello, KBOE; Tom Flaherty; Andrew Ritland; Russ VanRenterghem; Andy McGuire; Dave Sedivec; Mike Rodwell; Lindsey Thomas; Renee Simpson; Jonathon Angove; Jeanette Newendorp; Eric Dursky; Warner Keegel and Susan Brown, Mahaska County Auditor. Attorney Brad Beaman and Joyce Webb attended by telephone. This meeting was live streamed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Webb seconded by Wanders to open public hearing regarding proposed FY22 Mahaska County budget. No written comments. Sheriff Van Renterghem provided a statement regarding cuts that were made to the sheriff's department budget in comparison to other departmental budgets. Supervisor Groenendyk noted that cuts that were made were due to the fund balance issue in General Basic Fund. In the proposed budget the ending balance is only at 21.84% with a target of 25% to be able to fund the final quarter of the tax year before new revenue is collected in September of each year. Cuts were made in public work sessions in January.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to close public hearing. All present voted aye. Motion carried. General Basic Fund levy is proposed at the maximum of \$3.95; General Supplemental at \$1.74 the same as last year; Rural Services at the maximum of \$3.95. In proposing this budget allowable expenditure items were moved from General Basic to General Supplemental; however, it is limited by code what items can be expended from General Supplemental. The General Fund's ending fund balance is in a precarious position demanding that expenditures be cut to a level less than revenue expectations in order to rebuild an adequate balance. In previous years this was not the case. With the change in funding structure for 911 services General Supplemental's fund balance should increase at the end of FY21,

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to certify the FY22 Mahaska County budget as published with the following resolution. Wanders, Webb – aye. Groenendyk – abstain.

**Resolution #2021-12**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the proposed Mahaska County budget for FY-2021/2022 as published in the county official newspapers on March 5, 2021 (Oskaloosa, Iowa) be approved and adopted.

Dated at Oskaloosa, IA this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to resume public hearing from February 16 in reference to road vacation in Section 33, Jefferson Twp. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Board has received a request for damages from Mr. Keegel's attorney in the amount of \$11,236.97 if the county were to close/vacate the road in question. There is no objection from County Engineer for vacation.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Groenendyk to do final vacation on the described road segment including settlement of \$11,236.97 from the county for damages. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to authorize signature on contractor's performance bond for secondary road project T38/G13 PCC Overlay Project, LFM-CO62(01)-21. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve preliminary and final Black Oak Acres subdivision plat. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Insurance Committee presented recommendations to the board regarding health insurance and other employee benefits. It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to move to Holmes-Murphy as broker for health insurance plan. All present voted nay. Motion failed. Board asked committee to solicit a contract from Holmes Murphy for consideration before next regular board meeting on April 5.

Dave Sedivec, Conservation, talked to the board about a grant application with USDA for a track skid loader with forestry head. A public hearing will have to be held before signatures can be authorized.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the minutes of March 1 and 9. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to remove the following from sheriff's office payroll: Stephen Shannon as jailer effective March 2, 2021 and Randy Poe will retire effective April 28, 2021. All present voted aye. Motion carried. The board expressed appreciation for Mr. Poe's 28 years of dedicated service as sheriff's deputy for Mahaska County.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve 28E agreement and contract for police protection services between Mahaska County and the City of Eddyville for fiscal year 21/22. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

An amendment to the Mahaska County Solid Waste 28E agreement was tabled.

Public Comments: None

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders 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