

July 8, 2021

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met on the above date at 11:30 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 called in via conference call. Also, present were Darin Hite, IT; Tom Flaherty, Economic Development Director; and Jody Van Patten, Deputy Auditor

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 approve the Raise Grant Application Resolution 2021-23. Engineer, Andrew McGuire supports the study and has available funds in the Secondary Road budget to cover Mahaska County’s portion. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO.
2021-23

**APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUILD
DISCRETIONARY GRANT FOR THE OSKALOOSA BYPASS
PLANNING STUDY PROJECT**

WHEREAS the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 made available \$1 billion for National Infrastructure Investments, otherwise known as “RAISE Transportation Discretionary” grants, through September 30, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, for this round of RAISE Transportation grants, in addition to capital awards, United States Department of Transportation will award at least \$30 million for eligible planning and preconstruction activities that do not result in construction of a capital project and,

WHEREAS the MODES PLANNING STUDY is a surface transportation project that satisfies many of the selection criteria identified in the grant, including located in a rural area, safety benefits, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, environmental protection, quality of life, innovation, partnership and demonstrated project readiness; and,

WHEREAS this study is a continuation of the planning studies that have resulted in the construction of the existing SW US HWY 163 bypass and the currently under design NW US HWY 163 bypass: and

WHEREAS the City of Oskaloosa Administrator and Public Works Department are in partnership with the Mahaska County and Mahaska Chamber &

Development Group are preparing a grant application to continue the MODES Planning Study project; and,

WHEREAS the total project cost is estimated to be \$950,126, with the RAISE grant application amount of \$850,126, and including \$100,000 budgeted local, state and private funds; and,

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors for Mahaska County is prepared to contribute \$40,000 towards the \$100,000 amount of the budgeted local, state and private funds for the RAISE Transportation Grant: and,

WHEREAS the balance of the \$100,000 amount of the budgeted local, state and private funds for the RAISE Transportation Grant shall be funded by the City of Oskaloosa and/or the Mahaska Chamber & Development Group: and,

WHEREAS should the MODES Planning Study not be selected for a RAISE Transportation Grant under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, the \$40,000 contribution commitment from the Board of Supervisors for Mahaska County shall be null and void: and,

WHEREAS the County Engineer recommends that the Board of Supervisors for Mahaska County authorize the MODES Planning Study project for the Department of Transportation National Infrastructure Investments, also known as RAISE Transportation Discretionary Grants.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS for MAHASKA COUNTY, IOWA that the County Engineer hereby is authorized and directed to execute said grant application and required certifications for and on behalf of Mahaska County to the United States Department of Transportation.

_____, Board Chair

ATTESTED

Mahaska County Auditor

Public Comments: None

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

Attest: _____
Jody Van Patten, Deputy Auditor

Mark Groenendyk – Chairman
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors