October 18, 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; and Member – Chuck Webb. Also present were Darin Hite; Joe Lancello, Andrew Ritland, Tom Flaherty, and Susan Brown, Mahaska County Auditor. This meeting was live streamed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University. Meeting was opened with a moment of silence.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders 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 approve minutes of October 4 meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to remove the following from Secondary Road payroll: Don VanDonselaar – October 8, 2021; D'Arcy VerBeek – October 15, 2021; Rick Cady – October 29, 2021. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to accept 1st quarter reports from Veteran's Affairs, Sheriff, Recorder. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The County received from Cellsite Solutions, Cedar Rapids, a response to RFP for concrete work and electrical work at communications tower sites. \$62,000 for the concrete work and \$116,909 for the electrical work. A response was also received from Sabre Industries, Sioux City, for the concrete work. \$64,327. It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Webb to accept proposals from Cellsite Solutions, for concrete and electrical work at three tower sites as presented as long as consultants are comfortable that the proposal details are in line with the RFP. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve agreement for surveying services from Garden & Assoc., Oskaloosa, producing three utility easement plans and descriptions at tower sites. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve a letter of support from the board to Iowa Office of Chief Information Officer for Sully Telephone Association in their application for a grant to expand high-speed broadband in the county. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Committee reports: Supervisor Webb sits on Pathfinders who announced that the Belva Deer Hotel in Sigourney will be sold and Pathfinders were a part of the initial support for the hotel when built. Supervisor Wanders working on contracts for allocations from the county to non-profit organizations. Supervisor Groenendyk noted that Mahaska Co Solid Waste had contracted with Ottumwa Water Works on their leachate collection system.

Public Comments: None

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to recess the meeting until 9:55 a.m. All present voted aye.

9:55 a.m. It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to bring meeting back to order. All present voted aye. Connie VanPolen, Lindsey Thomas and Troy Bemis joined the meeting in person.

Mike Jensen of Shive Hattery called into the meeting for discussion on the four options that they had presented to the county earlier. The group asked questions and discussed the pros and cons of the narrowed down Options #2 or #3. Phasing in and downtime were discussed along with availability of parts and equipment for either option. The next steps would be for Shive Hattery to put proposal for bids together with a Feb-Mar bid timeframe. They would also put together the scope of electrical upgrade that would need to done. Install time is estimated to be three months. Project will also need to be verified for Federal approval in the scope of ARP funds county has received. It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve Option #2 for HVAC replacement in the Mahaska County Courthouse. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Attest:

Susan L. Brown Mahaska County Auditor Mark Groenendyk – Chairman Mahaska County Board of Supervisors