

November 1, 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 Joe Lancello, KBOE/KMZN Radio; Darin Hite, IT; Tom Flaherty, Economic Development Director; Andrew Ritland, Co Attorney; Diane Crookham, Recorder; Steve Burnett and Frank Hansen, MCG and Susan Brown, Mahaska County Auditor. This meeting was live streamed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University. Meeting opened with a moment of silence.

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 minutes of October 18. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the bills for the month of October in total \$1,342,487.96. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the following payroll changes: removal of Zac Neff from Secondary Road department payroll as of November 4, 2021; add Doug McMillan as part time employee at Secondary Road effective October 25, 2021 at hourly rate of \$16.00; change job classification to Motor Grader Operator for Andrew Padgett effective November 8, 2021 and Shawn Ridenour effective November 2, 2021 at hourly rate of \$24.25; add as full time jailer Khandi Tucker effective November 9, 2021 and William Kutcher effective October 22, 2021 at \$35,000/year with six month probationary period at \$34,500; add as part time jailer Brennen Shull effective October 25, 2021 at \$15.00/hr; change in wage for part time clerk Cynthia Briggs in Records office to \$14.00/hr. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve signature on Amended and Substituted County Electronic Services System 28E Agreement from Iowa County Recorders Association. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion held with Tom Flaherty, Econ Director; Steve Burnett and Frank Hansen of MCG regarding broadband needs and opportunities county-wide. It is estimated at \$12.1 million to build out new fiber network. There is a November 22, 2021 deadline for applying for state grant monies which makes for a timing challenge. Potential for use of ARP funds the county is receiving and possible federal grants. Sequence of events would include review by state auditor as to the project being within the spirit of the ARP law, securing a consultant and issuing an RFP for the project(s).

Public comments: None

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

Attest: _____
Susan L. Brown
Mahaska County Auditor

Steve Wanders – Vice Chairman
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors