

**April 15, 2024**

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, IT; Heidi Kuhl, Northland Securities (via phone); Russ Van Renterghem, Sheriff; Troy Bemis, Maintenance Director; Lindsey Thomas, Assessor; Andrew Ritland, Attorney; Mike Rodwell, Secondary Roads; John Bandstra, Angie Foster, Letetia Kelderman and Teri Rogers, Auditor. This meeting was live streamed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University.

Chairman Groenendyk opened the meeting with the pledge of Allegiance.

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 Webb seconded by Wander to approve minutes for Apr 1 and Apr 9 for the regular board meeting and the special election canvass for the City of Oskaloosa City Council Ward 4. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the bills for March in the amount of \$1,103,581.71. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to open the public hearing for the alley and road vacation and quit claim in the Town of Peoria for Deur and Hemmer. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

There were no verbal or written notices received by the Auditor's office. The alleys will be closed, and the property transferred to the adjoining landowners.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to close the public hearing for the alley and road vacate and quit claim in the Town of Peoria for Deur and Hemmer. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Action to accept Resolution # 2024-08 will be deferred to the next Board meeting.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to continue with the bonding process and to borrow \$4,570,000. Heidi Kuhl with Northland Securities provided information via telephone. There will be continued discussion and action to be taken on May 20, 2024. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter reports for the Auditor, Recorder and Sheriff. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve reappointing John Jacobs and Ron Groenendyk and appointing Susann Keller-McCain to the Pioneer Cemetery Commission. Elizabeth Christopher will be removed from the commission due to lack of participation. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to approve the appointments of Jakab Huyser and Joe Warrick to the Planning & Zoning board (for five-year terms) and Chuck Webb to the Board of Adjustments. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the change from \$2,000 that has been budgeted for FY 24/25 for the General Technology Assessment with the South Iowa Area Crime Commission to \$1,000 due to the delay in getting this functionality in place. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the preliminary and final plat for Kells Landing in Carter Acres subdivision. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of the preliminary and final plat for the Bonnettville Subdivision will be tabled until the next meeting. Approval will be provided contingent on both plats being updated to show a right of way for 330<sup>th</sup> Street.

Approval of the preliminary and final plat for the Mily Terrace Subdivision will be tabled until the next meeting. Comments provided by County Engineer, Andrew McGuire, indicate that it should be noted that if a driveway doesn't exist off 235<sup>th</sup> Street for this subdivision today, and if a driveway is desired off 235<sup>th</sup> Street in the future, a permit will need to be acquired and, if it can't meet the criteria of the policy, access may be an issue.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the final plat for the Salvesky Subdivision. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve signing the final pay voucher for project # FM-CO62(101)-55-62. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the insurance committee's recommendations for FY2025. Lindsey Thomas made a presentation to the Board. The Mahaska County health and dental insurance plan fund balance is stable and claims for medical are at expected levels. Currently, the Committee recommends no change to the employee contribution amounts to the plan for FY25. The Committee believes the current fund balance is enough to absorb the increased costs of the plan for administrative and fixed costs. The County increased its portion of the contributions by 2% for FY25 budget. The Committee is awaiting a quote for life insurance from Globe Life Liberty National Division. After receipt of that, the Committee will review and request to be on an upcoming BOS meeting agenda, if necessary. Open enrollment will be planned for the end of May. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the contract with Johnson Controls for \$9,415.97 to update the LEC fire panel contingent on Andrew Ritland’s review and approval of the contract. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion centered around the contract with Shive-Hattery. The issue was tabled until the next Board meeting pending discussion with the city to determine whether this will be funded as a stand-alone project or from the Joint LEC budget. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

At the last EMA/911 meeting, Keri Lamberson put forward a request that Mark Groenendyk or the Supervisors should have no individual communication with Amal Eltahir, City Manager, regarding 911 funding. Keri requested all conversations with Amal should be brought up during the committee meetings so everyone can hear what was discussed. Board members Steve Wanders and Chuck Webb commented that anyone including the residents of Oskaloosa can call Amal. The Board encouraged 911 Board Chair, Russ VanRenterghem, the 911 Board, and Mark Groenendyk to continue communication with Amal. Mark Groenendyk also commented he communicates with Mr. Hite, New Sharon Mayor, and mayors and council members from other cities regarding county business.

Address concerns surrounding the 911 funding budget. Mark Groenendyk spoke with an Oskaloosa City Council member. Mark was informed that the City of Oskaloosa will pay their 911 obligation in full by June 30, 2024.

Committee Reports:

- ✚ Committee reports for Chuck Webb were already addressed in agenda items #10, #16 and #18.
- ✚ Mark Groenendyk reported that Frank Hansen provided a “live” map for countywide broadband. A link will be put on the County’s website where citizens can view progress in this area at any time.
- ✚ Mark Groenendyk reported that the hazard mitigation plan report has expired. He will be meeting with Josh Stevens on April 17.
- ✚ Mark Groenendyk reported that Wapello County is looking to join Racom service using our tower.

Public Comments: None

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teri Rogers  
Mahaska County Auditor

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Mark Groenendyk  
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisors