

**June 10, 2024**

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met on the above date at 9:00 am 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 Shea Greiner, Greater Ottumwa Partners in Progress; Andy Sytsma, Mayor of Leighton; Sherri Baxter, Mayor of Fremont; Amal Eltahir, City Manager; Deann De Groot and Angie Foster, Oskaloosa Chamber and Main Street; Jeff Wilford, Oskaloosa Herald; Ken Allsup, Oskey News and Teri Rogers, County Auditor.

Discussion centered around the needs of small-town mayors in the county and the potential benefits of hiring a part-time Economic Development Director to focus on meeting these needs. Topics discussed were grant opportunities, housing, city art/art projects, parks, street art/community improvement, marketing materials, websites and social media, increasing retail opportunities, and revitalization. No decisions were made.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Teri Rogers  
Mahaska County Auditor

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Mark Groenendyk  
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisors