

June 17, 2024

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met 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; Troy Bemis, Maintenance Director; Russ Van Renterghem, County Sheriff; Andrew McGuire, County Engineer; Dave Prine, Jeff Wilford, Oskaloosa Herald and Teri Rogers, County Auditor.

Chairman Groenendyk opened the meeting 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 the minutes of June 3, 10 and 11. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the bills for May in the amount of \$2,363,497.15. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Roger Shindell and Stephanie Lathrop presented the quarterly review of HIPAA compliance for the county. For the block of employees excluding Secondary Roads, the percentage of courses completed vs. assigned is 82.8% and for Secondary Roads, the completion rate is 54%. Stephanie provided a "seal" and/or a "medallion" that we can add to our website or put on other promotional materials. At this point, the County is well position to undergo a breach investigation or an independent audit. Discrepancies regarding the number of employees per department were noticed. Stephanie will email Teri the list she has, and Teri will provide the correct information.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the application for fireworks display permit for the City of Leighton / Fourth of July Committee for June 28. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the Iowa Retail Permit application for Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine for Dollar General. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the Master (or annual) agreement between Mahaska County and Mahaska Health for FY24/25. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the 28E agreement for Police Protection Services for the City of Beacon for FY24/25 in the amount of \$3,500. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the 28E agreement for Police Protection Services for the City of Keomah Village for FY24/25 in the amount of \$50 with a correction made to item #5, second line where it states \$42.00 per hour. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the re-appointments of Kurt Kollasch and Darrin Alderson to the Mahaska County Veterans Affairs Commission to new three-year commission terms effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to appoint Steve Wanders as secondary trustee to the Heartland Insurance Risk Pool board of trustees. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the payroll change for Conservation. Cindy Bossard will be added to payroll effective June 10 as an ELC Attendant earning \$15 per hour. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the payroll change for Secondary Roads. Troy Fulton was removed from payroll effective March 8. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve posting an application for County Maintenance Director due to Troy Bemis's recent announcement of upcoming resignation. Items to be handed off are re-appointing a Safety Coordinator, HVAC construction project in the courthouse and pipe replacement in the Law Center. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Andrew McGuire addressed the Board regarding two Reimbursement Agreements for Preliminary Engineering Services with the Union Pacific Railroad Company associated with two county projects: the SE Connector (estimate of \$40,000) and Route G29 (estimate of \$50,000). These are identical agreements for the two different projects. The Board agreed to vote on them by consensus. It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve both agreements. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the FY25 DOT 5-year program revision. The revision relates to getting the funding sources in line. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- ✚ Chuck Webb attended the South Iowa Area Crime Commission meeting last week. During budget season, we put \$2,000 in the Sheriff's budget to pay for their cyber-security. Shortly after the budget was certified, it was determined that we would only need \$1,000 for FY24/25. The Crime Commission reported last week that they have an overage for year end and have agreed to pay the first \$1,000 for all member counties for FY24/25.

- ✚ Steve Wanders reported that the Mental Health program taken over by the State will now be undergoing more changes in FY24/25. Refer to HF 2673 Impact on Counties Webinar from May 22, 2024.
- ✚ Chuck Webb reported that approximately 1600 people attended the Eveland Access fun day on June 1st. The Conservation Board was happy with the turnout.
- ✚ Pathfinders would like the Board to move quickly on their decision regarding hiring Shea Greiner as a part-time Economic Development Director.

Public Comments:

- ✚ Dave Prine addressed the Board for a non-county business issue. Dave wants to make it known that the City Manager for Oskaloosa is paid more than Iowa's Governor. The City Manager's salary is \$165,500 and the Governor's salary is \$130,000. Also noted is that Oskaloosa's City Manager does not even live in Oskaloosa. Dave also wanted to make sure the Board knows that there is an airport meeting on July 3rd at 11 am in Pella at the Police Station.

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

Attest: _____
Teri Rogers
Mahaska County Auditor

Mark Groenendyk
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors