

October 7, 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 Chris Clingan, Conservation Director; Ben Hoskinson, IRVM; Andrew Ritland, County Attorney; Mike Rodwell, Secondary Roads; Zach Kauffman, Maintenance Director; Ben Johnston, Deputy Sheriff; Jody VanPatten, Recorder; Shauna Hol, Treasurer; Jeff Wilford, Oskaloosa Herald; Laurel DeJong and Chris VerSteegh and Teri Rogers, Mahaska County Auditor.

Chairman Groenendyk opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the agenda for today's meeting with item #12 removed. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to move into Closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(c) and (j). All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Roll Call vote:

- Member Webb – aye
- Vice-Chair Wanders – aye
- Chair Groenendyk - aye

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to return to open session. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Roll Call vote:

- Member Webb – aye
- Vice-Chair Wanders – aye
- Chair Groenendyk - aye

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the minutes of Sept. 13th, 16th and Oct. 3rd. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Stephanie Lathrop presented the quarterly review of HIPAA compliance for the county. The county's completion rate excluding Secondary Roads is 83.1% while the Roads completion rate is 48%. A plan is in place to improve the completion rate at Secondary Roads. Another course will be released this week for the 2nd quarter of the fiscal year. For the record, Chair Groenendyk informed Stephanie that a shredding company was on site and the old Mental Health records have been destroyed along with some records from the Assessor's and Attorney's offices.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to accept the 1st quarter reports from the Auditor, Recorder and Sheriff. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Vital Records Audit results from the Recorder's office. Recorder Van Patten explained the reason for the audit.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the payroll changes for the Sheriff's office. Full-time Jailer Megan Tucker will be promoted to Senior Jailer on Sept. 29th, 2024. Her annual salary will be \$51,517 (pay grade #15, starting wage). Full-time Jailer Khandi Tucker will also be promoted to Senior Jailer on Sept. 30th, 2024. Her annual salary will be \$51,517. All present vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the Urban Renewal report for FY 23/24. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Ben Hoskinson gave the Board an update on the Wellness Committee's 2024 biometric screening package. The annual screening date is set for Nov. 13, 2024. The MHP staff will be at Secondary Roads from 7 am - 8 am and the Courthouse from 8:30 am - 10:00 am. The county will pay \$75 for each employee that signs up. Employees will also be able to get their influenza vaccine that day. The regular dose is \$30, and the high dose is \$70. Spouses will have to pay out of pocket. This is the first year that audio screenings will be available, and these will take place at the hospital. The cost is \$32 per employee and is for employees only. It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the plan for screening. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board discussed holding a silent auction for the items in the lobby of the basement. It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to put the items up for sale. Zach Kauffman will create bid sheets for every item and notify employees via email. Bids will be accepted until 4:30 pm Oct. 31st. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the 28E agreements for Police Protection Services for the City of Rose Hill for FY23/24 and FY24/25 in the amount of \$52.00. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Member Webb provided an update on the Law Enforcement Center repair invoices that will be shared with the City of Oskaloosa. A joint meeting was held with City and County personnel on Sept. 16th. The City Council will be discussing this at their next meeting on Oct. 7th, 2024. Amy Miller, City Clerk, will report back to the County.

The board discussed the recent water main breaks that affected the Courthouse and the Law Center. As a progress report, the repairs have been completed. There are separate mains now to the Law Center and the Courthouse. The road will need to be blacktopped before fall.

The Board took a 5-minute break. Resume at 11:15 am.

The Prairie Township clerk, Chris VerSteegh, and one trustee, Laurel DeJong, were in attendance to discuss the 28E agreement that the township has with New Sharon for Fire Protection Services and the error/oversight of the Prairie Township fire levy made on the FY24/25 township budget. The New Sharon Mayor, Dustin Hite, was unavailable. County Treasurer, Shauna Hol, was consulted regarding how the funds get moved from the point of collecting from the taxpayers to the New Sharon Fire Dept on behalf of the township. This item will be tabled for two weeks.

After adjournment of the last board meeting, an individual who had called in had a question about contracts/28E agreements for 911/dispatch services. These are similar to the 28E agreements for Police Protection. Cities are obligated to provide certain services to their citizens including police protection, fire, water and sewer. These services should not fall back on the County.

Committee Reports:

- ✚ Member Webb reported that the letter for police protection services will be sent out to Mayors of the incorporated cities in Mahaska County once approved by the entire board. This will be done at the next board meeting.
- ✚ Vice-Chair Wanders reported that there will be a fundraiser for 10/15 transit to help support rides for Veterans. Chair Groenendyk mentioned that he knows other counties are struggling with this issue.

Public comments: None

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

Attest: _____

Teri Rogers
Mahaska County Auditor

Mark Groenendyk – Chairman
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisors