

October 29, 2024

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met in a work session on the above date at 8:00 a.m. in the third-floor conference room of the Mahaska County Courthouse. Present were the following board members: Chairman – Mark Groenendyk, Vice-Chair Steve Wanders and Member – Chuck Webb. Also present was Danay Garcia, Mahaska County IT Director, Brian Knudtson, GIS Coordinator and Teri Rogers, County Auditor.

Discussion centered around recently hired IT Director, Danay Garcia, and her budget along with various other work-related issues. Danay updated the Board regarding employees who left full-time employment and are now working part-time as reserve officers, but we are still paying for a Microsoft 365 license for them. This could create a rather large deficit for the county after a year's time. A work session might be scheduled in the future with the County Attorney and Sheriff to discuss how to resolve this. While Danay feels it is necessary to continue our relationship with HBS, she also believes that PCS (Professional Computer Services, Inc.) in Ottumwa may be able to provide basic services for a lower cost. She would like to purchase a block of hours from PCS. Invoices received from HBS were discussed. The county is charged monthly, per user, for endpoint detection. Auditor Rogers is waiting for a call back from HBS for the balance of our credit we have on file. The Law Center server issue was discussed. Danay is not familiar with the county-wide phone system. There was also a short discussion regarding comp time vs overtime.

Discussion was held concerning the two Mahaska County citizens that the Board wanted to consider as their representatives on the newly created Compensation Board. The board would like to retain Kathy Butler as one of their advocates but need to notify her of the increased responsibilities per SF 2442. The supervisors will need to reach out to other potential candidates about representing them on the Compensation Board.

No action was taken.

Attest: _____

Teri Rogers
Mahaska County Auditor

Mark Groenendyk
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisors