

November 04, 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 Andrew Ritland, County Attorney; Russ Van Renterghem, Sheriff; Andrew McGuire and Carter Brehm, County Engineer and Asst. Engineer; Kelly Hefner, Oskaloosa Water Department; Eric Dursky, Sanitarian; Deann DeGroot, Chamber; Jeff Wilford, Oskaloosa Herald and Teri Rogers, Mahaska County Auditor.

Chairman Groenendyk opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb 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 Oct. 21st and Oct 29th. The Oct. 21 minutes have already been updated by removing/adding language to the Comp Board Resolution and changing the word “tank” to “tower” under agenda item 12. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the 1st quarter report for the VA. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the payroll changes for Secondary Roads. Todd Bogatzke's start date will be Nov. 4, 2024. His classification will be Job Classification I (truck drivers & laborers) and his base hourly rate will be \$26.80. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the preliminary and final plat for the Riverside View subdivision. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board considered a work session to discuss the police protection letter sent to the mayors of the incorporated cities in Mahaska County. It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to schedule a work session for Wed., Nov. 13 at 5:30 pm. An email will be sent to the mayors notifying them of this work session. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board considered the sewer/water contract/bids for the Law Center cast iron pipe repair project. It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to accept the bid from Excel Mechanical for \$210,750 discussed during the Sept. 16 board meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The City Council will be discussing a contribution of \$30,600 at their meeting tonight. Discussion centered around updating the 28E agreement with the City of Oskaloosa and the Law Enforcement Center. Attorney Ritland recommended that the goals of each party be identified before a new 28E agreement could be drafted. The county and city may want to consider a formation committee meeting. The revised agreement should include an explicit way to resolve disputes.

The Board discussed the sale of property near the Secondary Roads shop to the Oskaloosa Water Department for the building of a water tower. Concerns that have been voiced by citizens are ice buildup, lighting and fuel tank area. The water department's development plans would be design in spring/summer 2025 and build in 2026. The construction process would require most of the acre, but the water tower itself would only take up a small section. The county would have to consider its development goals in the future and if this area would be needed for Secondary Roads expansion.

The Board considered the bid from Norris Asphalt Paving Company to patch High Ave. in Oskaloosa. It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the bid. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the bids and entertained possible award of contract for project LFM-C062(04)—7X-62 G29 PCC Overlay Project from V13 east to the Mahaska/Keokuk County line. It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve The bid from Concrete Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$2,474,797.15. This amount is 5% below the engineer's cost estimate. The contract period is 45 work days. This offers better pricing and more flexibility. The project is approximately 3 miles, and the late start date is June 13, 2025. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and approved the Federal Aid Funding Agreement for project BRS-C062(108)—60-62 Bridge Replacement south of Cedar on T67 over Cedar Creek. It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the agreement. This complete bridge replacement is between Cedar and Kirksville. The letting date has not been determined; potentially the fall of 2025. There will be a full closure of the road with a detour. It is a relatively short and simple bridge to replace. Secondary Roads programmed \$800,000 in the 5-year plan. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the pledge for Strategic Highway Safety Plan. It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the pledge. This is acknowledgement that the Board is in support of the pledge and committed to the safety of its roadways. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the resolution to change the Farm-to-Market System to include the SE Connector and Osburn Avenue from Highway 23 to Highway 92; SS4A grant. Andrew McGuire reviewed the farm-to-market records and found connectivity issues. The timing is appropriate to add the SE Connector and Osburn Ave to the farm-to-market system. It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the resolution. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- ✚ Member Webb’s committee report was already discussed regarding the Law Enforcement Center. This will be added to the next agenda for action.
- ✚ Vice-Chair Wanders asked about 911; apparently the City Council will be discussing 911 needs tonight during their meeting.
- ✚ Chair Groenendyk introduced EMA Director Josh Stevens to the landfill manager so they can make plans in the event of a large wind event or other local disaster.

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

Mark Groenendyk – Chairman
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisors