

## November 18, 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 Danay Garcia, IT; Zach Kauffman, Maintenance Director; Ronda Almond, Oskaloosa City Council; John Bandstra, Harold Fynaardt, Ron Groenendyk, Patti Sines, Alex Valster, Scott Vaughan, Riley Calhoun, Deputy Sheriff 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:

- ✚ John Bandstra approached the Board. He thanked City Council member Ronda Almond for exposing the intent of the City of Oskaloosa to contract with Pella for 911 services and he thanked the Board for their cooperation.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the minutes of Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> and Nov 13<sup>th</sup>. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the bills for October in the amount of \$938,155.61.

The Board discussed the recent 911 issues with City Councilwoman, Ronda Almond. Ronda appeared before the board as a resident of Mahaska County, a 35-year utility worker and city council member. She has called for a joint meeting or workshop to look for a solution. The goal would be to provide 911 services for a reasonable cost. Chair Groenendyk referred to Iowa Code - Chapter 34A.

The Board discussed scheduling another work session with the mayors to continue talking about police protection. Chair Groenendyk shared the figures for how much each incorporated city is paying to support the Sheriff's budget. It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to schedule another meeting on Wed., Dec. 18 at 5:30 pm. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the payroll changes for the Sheriffs office. Chase Patton submitted his resignation and will be removed from payroll effective Nov. 19, 2024. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the re-appointment of John Bandstra to the Pioneer Cemetery Commission. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the appointment of compensation commission members. A hearing is scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup> and Mahaska County needs three people willing to serve on the commission for that hearing as well as future hearings. Member Webb called Michelle Purdum of Legacy Real Estate and she has agreed to serve on the Commission. It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to appoint Mrs. Michelle Purdum to the Compensation Commission. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the 4 disallowances for Family Farm tax credit as recommended by the Assessor for Assessment year 2024. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to accept notice of recount filed with the auditor on November 14, 2024, by the Christina Bohannon campaign for the office of US Representative District 1. All present vote aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- ✚ Chair Groenendyk thanked the Landfill Manager for his assistance on the mitigation plan for Mahaska County that Josh Stevens, EMA Director, could use in the case of a potential disaster in this area.

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

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Mark Groenendyk – Chairman  
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisors