

February 3, 2025

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 the following: John Bandstra; Steve Dixon; Russ Van Renterghem, Sheriff; Cami Eslick, Assistant County Attorney; Micah Van Mersbergen; Chris Clingan, Conservation Director; Zack Kauffman, Maintenance Director; Cheryl Eklofe, 911 Director; Andrew Mc Guire, Engineer; and Jody Groenendyk, County Auditor

This meeting was live streamed by the Communications Research Institute of William Penn University.

Supervisor Groenendyk opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. 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: Cami Eslick, Assistant County Attorney asked the board to reconsider hiring Andrew Conlin as a consultant regarding item number 18 on the agenda and to put that money into rectifying the wage scale that was put into place for the Mahaska County employees. Micah Van Mersbergen also spoke with the board regarding the same item stating he felt that the money that was being put toward that item was a waste of taxpayer money and that it isn't core to County Government.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the minutes of January 2, 7, 9, 10, 14, 15, & 28. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the claims for January 2025 totaling \$825,444.31. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Carosh presented their quarterly update.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the final plans for Phase 1 of the SE Connector project RFMX-C062(106)—9B-62. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Maintenance Director Zach Kauffman discussed with the board purchasing a new water fountain for the Courthouse 1st floor.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve Resolution 2025-3 setting the mileage rate reimbursement for 2025. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-3

WHEREAS, the maximum allowable federal mileage rate as determined by the Internal Revenue Service is adjusted annually and,

WHEREAS, it would be in the best public interest for the Mahaska County Sheriff's Office to charge the maximum allowable federal mileage rate for county owned vehicles,

WHEREAS, the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors is authorized under Iowa Code Section 70A.9 to set the mileage rate the Sheriff may charge under Section 331.655 (1)(j) in an amount not to exceed the maximum allowable under Federal Internal Revenue Service Rules per mile,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors, that this date met in lawful session, that the Mahaska County Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to charge the maximum allowable federal mileage rate for county owned vehicles as annually determined by the Internal Revenue Service. (.70 cents a mile)

Dated at Mahaska County Iowa

This 3rd day of February 2025.

Mahaska County Board of Supervisors
Mark Groenendyk
Steve Wanders
Chuck Webb

ATTEST:

Jody Groenendyk
County Auditor and Secretary to the Board of Supervisors

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the 28E Agreement for police protection between the City of Eddyville and Mahaska County for FY2025-2026 in the amount of \$16,030.00. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve Resolution 2025-4, Resolution of Financial commitment for RHTF. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 2025-4
RESOLUTION OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

WHEREAS, Mahaska County, Iowa is a participating jurisdiction is the AHEAD Regional Housing Trust Fund (RHTF); and

WHEREAS, the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors supports the programs and services of the AHEAD RHTF.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to support the on-going efforts of the AHEAD RHTF Mahaska County, Iowa has fully committed a base contribution of \$4,438.00 plus and additional \$_____ as local match to the AHEAD RHTF upon its FY2026 funding by the State Housing Trust Fund/Iowa Finance Authority.

Adopted this 3rd day of February 2025

Mahaska County Board of Supervisors

Mark Groenendyk, Chairperson
Steve Wanders, Supervisor
Chuck Webb, Supervisor

ATTEST:

Jody Groenendyk
County Auditor

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve Resolution 2025-5 Resolution for financial support of Area 15 Regional Planning Commission in the amount of \$5,826.46 for FY26. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve Resolution 2025-6 Resolution for financial support of Regional Planning Affiliation in the amount of \$3,607.00 for FY26. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The item regarding liability limits from Heartland Insurance was tabled until February 18, 2025, meeting.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the reappointment of Steve Dixon to a five-year term on the Mahaska County Conservation Board. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb to approve the 2nd quarter reports for FY2024-2025 of the County Auditor, County Recorder, Veteran Affairs, and Treasurer semi-annual report. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the payroll request of the Mahaska County Sheriff to remove Ryan Babcock from Mahaska County Sheriff payroll. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the payroll request of the Mahaska County Auditor to hire Teresa Baker as full-time payroll clerk at a rate of \$24.91 with no probationary period as she comes to Mahaska County with 22 years of payroll experience in county government. She is also granting Ms. Baker 1 week of vacation upon her starting date of January 23, 2025. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to remove Terri Day from the Auditor's office payroll with February 28, 2025, being her last official day of employment. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the cancellation of outstanding warrants for FY2021-2022, FY2022-2023, and FY2023-2024 totaling \$7,776.27. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb, seconded by Groenendyk to approve the service agreement with Andrew Conlin with Conlin State Strategies to act as consultant on various government affairs. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to have Cunningham Inc. draw up a contract to provide planned maintenance on all 3 of radio towers. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

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

Attest: _____

Jody Groenendyk
Mahaska County Auditor

Mark Groenendyk
Chairman Board of Supervisors