

July 21, 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: Madison Garden (County Auditor), Russ Van Renterghem (County Sheriff), Andrew Ritland (County Attorney), Jeff Wilford, Evelyn Stice, Debra Carlson

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 a pledge of allegiance.

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

Public Comments: Carlson came forward to speak to the board regarding her horses on Galeston Ave. She was directed to wait until her agenda item was addressed, at which time, the discussion would be had.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the minutes from July 7th, 2025. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve resolution 2025-13. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve resolution 2025-12. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the following salaries for fiscal year 2025-2026. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Elected Officials: Attorney-\$131,200; Auditor-\$81,354; Recorder-\$78,620; Assessor-\$93,842; Sheriff-\$109,660; Supervisors-\$42,630; Treasurer-\$79,720;
Attorney's Office - Assistant County Attorney - Cami Eslick-\$80,704; Trevor Rubenzer-\$80,704; Terri Menninga-\$38.80/hour-part time; Administrative Assistants - Jeannette Newendorp-\$61,505.60; Melissa Brand-\$45,905.60;
Auditor's deputies – Teresa Baker-\$54,662.40; Kasey Kauffman-\$50,564.80; Elections Administration – Laura Ayala-\$50,564.80; Precinct Election Officials-\$12.50 per hour; Recorder's deputy – Rena Shepherd-\$54,662.40;
Assessor's Deputies - Karla Vaughn-\$70,382, Sylvia Kalke-\$49,239; GIS Coordinator - Brian Knudtson-\$62,584;

Sheriff's Office - Civil Clerk - Renee Simpson-\$61,505.60; Civil Clerks - Chelsey Johnson-\$40,019.20; Brandy Greatbatch-\$40,019.20; Reserve Officer - Brian Jacobson-\$14.00 per hour; Reserve Officer Transporters - \$12.00 per hour; Sheriff's Deputies - James Arment-\$72,267.52; Ben Johnston-\$93,211; Matt Kapustka- \$58,762.08; Joe Goemaat- \$66,029.08; Zach Myers-\$58,762.08; David Wilke-\$72,267.52; Gary McClun-\$72,267.52; Riley Calhoun-\$63,949.60; Adult Corrections - Jail Administrator-Talisa Voss-\$63,524.76; Jailers – Lindzey Rivera-\$50,287.64; Shelbie Pettyjohn- \$50,287.64; Angela Fenton-\$50,287.64; Jennifer Stoneberg-\$54,357.16; Khandi Tucker-\$54,357.16; Kristina Sellers-\$50,287.64; Megan Tucker-\$54,357.16; Amber Luckey-\$50,287.64;

Disaster Services - 911 Director- Cheryl Eklofe- \$90,138.56; Josh Stevens- \$75,251; Patti Sines-\$62,192; Amber Angove- \$56,908.80; Robyn Barrickman- \$57,532.80; Janel Legvold- \$55,848; Candice Fogle- \$54,225.60; Brandi Brown- \$48,172.80; Letetia Kelderman- \$52,644.80; Tasha Crouse- \$49,628.80;

Treasurer's deputies - Treasurer Management Dept - Emily Scholtus-\$56,284.80; Sarah Hol-\$52,083.20; Motor Vehicle License Dept - Tracey Gilliland-\$57,990.40; Kristyne Ford-\$50,564.80; Carrie Bowie-\$52,083.20; Driver's License Dept – Tara Stek-\$52,083.20; Information Technology – Danay Garcia -\$63,876.80;

Veterans Affairs Director - Curt Grandia-\$49,655;

Commission Board members - Joe Durian-\$585; Ted Smith-\$585; Julie Wells-\$585; Kurt Kollasch-\$585; Darrin Alderson-\$585;

Conservation Dept - Conservation Director - Chris Clingan-\$71,146; Administrative Assistant – Molly Hicks-\$43,255; Naturalist - Laura DeCook-\$54,654; Park Rangers – Steven Nuteren-\$58,000; Tommy Van Renterghem-\$58,000; Summer Conservation Tech- Lily Morin-\$15 per hour; Ella Paulson- \$15 per hour;

Building Maintenance Dept - Maintenance Director – Zach Kauffman-\$26.93 per hour (40% law center and 60% courthouse); Law Center Custodian - Jack Griffis-part-time-\$16.13 per hour; Courthouse Custodian – Noelle Poe-\$18.00 per hour; ADA Coordinator – Zach Kauffman-\$500; Environmental Services - Sanitarian - Eric Dursky-\$62,628;

Roadside Vegetation Management - Roadside Vegetation Manager - Benjamin Hoskinson-\$60,882; Roadside Assistant - Barb VanPatten-\$18.85 per hour part-time;

Engineer Office - County Engineer - Andrew McGuire-\$92,372.80; Assistant Engineer - Carter Brehm-\$34.54 per hour; Assistant to the Engineer - Michael Rodwell-\$35.23 per hour; Office Manager - Emily Hefner-\$27.36 per hour; Secondary Road Dept - Road Maintenance Supervisor Ed Goemaat-\$33.56 per hour; Foreman - Scott Gilliland-\$30.36 per hour; Excavator Operators – Cody Padgett-\$28.30 per hour; Shawn Ridenour-\$28.30 per hour; Maintenance Equipment Operators – Leonard VanPatten- \$28.30; Chad Bru-\$28.30 per hour; Virgil Patterson-\$28.30 per hour; Russ Darland-\$28.30 per hour; Roger Prins-\$28.30 per hour; Tyler DeRooi-\$28.30 per hour; James McCrea-\$28.30 per hour; Ethan Wanders-\$28.30 per hour; Janitor – Jody Eveland-\$18.33 per hour; Truck Driver – David Markham - \$27.75; Todd Bogatzke- \$27.75 per hour; Maison Breuklander - \$27.75 per hour; Roy Winkleman- \$27.75; Travis Johnston-\$28.30 per

hour; Mechanic Level 1 – Gary Rust-\$29.87 per hour; Jacob Grootveld-\$28.92 per hour; Blade Operators – Andrew Padgett-\$28.30 per hour; Mike Taylor-\$28.30 per hour; Bryan Weber-\$27.35 per hour; Shawn Schippers-\$28.30 per hour; Brad VanderLinder-\$28.30 per hour; Andrew Rust-\$28.30 per hour; Engineering Technician IV- Reid Stevens-\$30.36 per hour; Mitchell Gibb-\$30.36 per hour; Sign Manager - Scott VanGilst-\$28.30 per hour.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve resolution 2025-14. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve Class B Retail Alcohol License for Dollar General #21310. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve Class C Retail Alcohol License for Your Private Bartender, LLC. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve Wellmark Consultant Fee Collection Agreement. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve direct settlement with Purdue Pharma. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the participation form for opioid settlement with Sandoz, Inc. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve service agreement with The Howard E. Nyhart Company, INC. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The board entered a hearing. Carlson, Van Renterghem, Stice and Ritland spoke to the board. Russ submitted an exhibit to the board providing a record of 26 calls for service since the beginning of 2025 to assist in the horses being out of their enclosure. Carlson claims the fence has been fixed and the problematic horse has been rehomed. All parties agreed the horses have been out of their enclosure an excessive number of times. It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to suspend the hearing for the livestock on Galeston Ave. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the treasurer's report for the Sheriff's office for 06/01/2025 through 06/30/2025. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the Homestead Tax Credit and Exemption & Military Exemption Allowances or Disallowances as recommended by the Assessor's office for assessment year 2025. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve two payroll changes to conservation. Kylee Eastwood has been hired as a part-time Early Learning Center attendant at the hourly rate of \$15 effective July 21st, 2025. Lily Morin has been removed from the payroll effective July 28th, 2025. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Chuck stated there are updates being made to the contract language with the law center. Wanders stated workforce development is merging with a larger region.

Public Comments: None.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to close the meeting at 10:10AM. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Attest: _____
Madison Garden
Auditor

Mark Groenendyk
Chairman Board of Supervisors