

August 12, 2025

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met 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), Eric Dursky (County Sanitarian), Andrew McQuire (County Engineer)

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

Public comments: none

Garden, Auditor and Commissioner of Elections reported on the August 5th, 2025, General Election. There were 674 ballots cast out of 6,584 registered voters in Oskaloosa for 10.24% turnout. There were 2 mailed out absentee ballots and 183 votes in-office absentee. 489 citizens voted on election day. There were 8 provisional ballots and 1 was rejected. The results were 66.47 % of votes for Andy Holmberg. 25.22% for Nicholas Ryan. And 8.31% for Manny Garcia. It was motioned by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the August 5th Election results.

Ritland discussed making changes to the road closure ordinance regarding denying access for UTV/ATVs to roads where access is also denied to motor vehicles. Consensus of the board was in favor of this change.

Ritland discussed the general assistance ordinance and advised that several suggested policy changes were added to the ordinance by him. The board will review the suggested policy changes made by Ritland and will discuss them at a later meeting. Ritland also added the burial policy for future reference and advised this policy is in reference to cremation rather than burial.

Dursky spoke to the board and Ritland about the subdivision ordinance regarding planning and zoning and how the lack of planning and zoning impacts the county. Dursky also spoke about the well water ordinance and explained that in some areas, certain houses have city water while others have rural water.

McQuire spoke about the road closure ordinance as well as snow removal and dust control in the county.

It was determined that members will review the suggested changes and provide additional feedback.

It was motioned by Webb seconded by Wanders to close the meeting at 11:55AM. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Attest:_____

Madison Garden
Auditor

Mark Groenendyk
Chairman Board of Supervisors