

## September 8, 2020

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. Also present were Joe Lancello, KBOE; Russ VanRenterghem, Sheriff; Brian Knudtson, GIS; Bhooshan Karnik, McClure Engineering; Jeff Heil, Northland Securities; Tom Flaherty, Economic Dev; Deann DeGroot; Mike Schrock; Beth Danowsky; Troy Jerman; Chuck Webb; John Bandstra and Susan Brown, Mahaska County Auditor. Andrew Ritland, Attorney and Kathryn Kaul-Goodman attended by telephone. This meeting was live streamed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University.

A moment of silence opened the meeting.

Board extended good wishes and appreciation to Steve Parker for his time as a Mahaska County Supervisor. Mr. Parker resigned as of August 21, 2020.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to approve the agenda for today's meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to approve the minutes of two meetings on August 17. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to approve the bills for the month of August in total \$781,336.49. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Board considered agreement for engineering services with McClure Engineering for US 63- IA 23 Local Connector. McClure would do certified site at their risk and work toward RISE Grant available. Consensus is to table for more discussion and investigate the desire for collaboration with city and businesses.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to approve as recommended by county attorney releasing copies of legal invoices with redactions as named in a recent freedom of information request. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to authorize signature on Vote Safe Iowa Initiative Grant Agreement for election HAVA/CARES funding. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to approve preliminary plat of Morris 1<sup>st</sup> Addition. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The board acknowledged letter from Mahaska Co Treasurer regarding continuance of 2020 Mahaska County tax sale beyond October 19, 2020.

Jeff Heil, Northland Securities, discussed with board financing options for secondary road projects in near future that could be financed with Prairie Winds TIF collections. Co Engineer noted options of three projects: NW part of county, Taintor, which is shovel ready; G5T, also ready, and G5T to IA 102 resurfacing ready in 2-3 years which would total from \$8-\$10 million. Debt would need to be certified by Dec 1. County can put bonding in motion and only use part of the limit set.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to approve and authorize signature on engagement letter with Northland Securities as Underwriter for possible bonding on named secondary road projects. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held in regard to lowering number of members on Solid Waste Commission and working toward the bylaws conforming to the 28E. A draft amendment to the 28E will be drafted by their attorney and all members/entities will need to approve.

Public comments: Chuck Webb asked for some clarification on county spending in ongoing lawsuits. Co Atty Ritland noted that jury trials will be resuming and that use of the third floor conference as a social distanced public viewing space may constitute the need for moving regular board meetings to 8:00 a.m. on upcoming Mondays. Kathryn Kaul-Goodman had questions about EMA/911 creation and structure.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to adjourn. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan L. Brown  
Mahaska County Auditor

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Mark Groenendyk – Chairman  
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors