

**October 5, 2020**

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on the above date at 8:00 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; Tom Flaherty, Economic Dev; Andrew Ritland, Co Atty; Andy McGuire, Engineer; Connie Van Polen, Treasurer; Lisa Ossian; Joyce Webb; Chuck Webb; Jayme Veenstra; John Bandstra; Jim Koellner; Russ Fynaardt and Susan Brown, Mahaska County Auditor. Ken Allsup; Kathryn Kaul-Goodman; Dave Sedivec; Beth Danowsky; Roger Shindell attended by telephone. This meeting was live streamed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University.

A moment of silence opened the meeting.

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 Groenendyk to approve the minutes of meetings on September 21, 22 and 29 adding the word counter in third from the last paragraph of 9/29 minutes. It will read: "It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to drop counter-claim and get this on appeal for final answer." Seconded by Wanders. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to approve the bills for the month of September in total \$1,023,331.66. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

8:05 am. It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to open public hearing on proposal to enter into a loan agreement and issue not to exceed \$20,000,000 General Obligation Urban Renewal Bonds for costs of carrying out projects in the Prairie Wind Urban Renewal Area consisting of construction, reconstruction and maintenance of County roads & bridges. All present voted aye. Motion carried. No comments were received. It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to close public hearing. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Co Engineer listed three projects that could be completed with funds from bonding: Taintor Road, G5T and road near Peoria. He noted that county roads need for maintenance and improvements far surpasses the \$20,000,000. The county would not have to bond all of the twenty million this is just a not to exceed figure. Treasurer Van Polen asked about levy rate for taxpayers. Prairie Winds TIF financing will be used.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to approve the following resolution. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-21**

Resolution expressing intent to enter into loan agreement and issue not to exceed \$15,000,000 General Obligation Urban Renewal Bonds

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) of Mahaska County (the “County”), State of Iowa, has heretofore proposed to enter into a loan agreement (the “Loan Agreement”) and issue not to exceed \$15,000,000 General Obligation Urban Renewal Bonds (the “Bonds”) for the purpose of paying costs, to that extent, of carrying out projects in the Prairie Wind Urban Renewal Area consisting of construction, reconstruction and maintenance of County roads and bridges, and has published notice of the proposed action and has held a hearing thereon and no petition has been filed asking that the proposal be submitted to the voters of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends to issue the Bonds in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Mahaska County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. The Board hereby expresses its intent to enter into the Loan Agreement and issue the Bonds in the future and declares that this Resolution constitutes the action required by Section 331.402 of the Code of Iowa.

Section 2. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Passed and approved October 5, 2020.

Discussion on McClure proposal for US63 to IA23 local connector project. Jim Koellner, Nutrien Ag Solutions, speaking for business group thanked board and leaders for time and energy in working on a solution for the future. There is connector support. Noted that not utilizing full length of Osborn Ave as part of route would be preferred. The following letter was submitted by Jeremy Jorgensen, Iowa Wood Preservers, Inc. as he was unable to be in attendance:

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To Mahaska County Board of Supervisors:

Iowa Wood Preservers is a family-owned company that is growing rapidly together with several other businesses along the Highway 23 corridor. Along with the benefits of growth come certain challenges – infrastructure, capacity and safety all being among them. The businesses along the corridor, and all of Oskaloosa for that matter, have great

need for a southeast connector between 63, 23 and 92 – eventually beyond to other veins of travel. The immediate need is a solution for semi traffic congestion.

In recent meetings, it came forth that our businesses represent around 500 trucks daily along these routes. Much of that traffic is pushed through downtown and residential areas to get to highways which pose several volume and safety issues. Improved connectivity in this area is vital to the success of existing businesses and future opportunities in business attraction in the area.

Regretfully, in my position work takes precedence over public meetings. Apologies that I cannot be there in person. However, I would like to thank Mark, Tom and the county for their time and support in these meetings and moving the project along. From my perspective, whatever the county and city can do to get this project rolling it is absolutely necessary now. Respectfully, Jeremy Jorgensen, Iowa Wood Preservers, Inc. Plant Manager.

Russ Fynaardt appreciated the plan and collaboration to get trucks on a through route out of downtown. Kathryn Kaul-Goodman asked if county would be on hook for whole project knowing that Supervisor Groenendyk is against writing another 28E with city. 28E should not be needed as each entity will have their own contract with McClure. With the 70% RISE Grant and a Certified Site the County's share would be \$1.7 million and City's \$1.5 million. Engineer McGuire said this have been great collaboration and that it will be a long process.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to accept and authorize signature on agreement for engineering services with McClure Engineering Co. as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Roger Shindell, Carosh Compliance, reviewed with the board the quarterly report for HIPAA audit, training and compliance.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to accept Auditor 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to add JoAn Huggins, Sarah Hol, Veronica Johnson, Claudia Martin to auditor's election office payroll as temporary part-time help for General Election at \$12.00/hr. Treasurer payroll change was tabled to October 19 meeting.

Consideration of lease for part of Mahaska Building was tabled.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to approve annual agreement with Mahaska Health, Mahaska County Board of Health and Mahaska County for services and functions to be provided as presented for fiscal year 20/21. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to approve wellness screening and flu shot program through Mahaska Health Partnership in which employees on the plan can participate with the plan paying for their costs. Dependent participants on the plan will be charged \$110 for the screening and \$25 for the flu shot. The plan will also pay for a \$40/hour charge for MHP staff to administer. Dates for the program have not been set yet.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to approve preliminary and final plat for Van Kooten Acres. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to abate taxes for FY21 taxes due on three parcels now in the name of Mahaska County Conservation back to date of acquisition. (Parcels 1410400006; 14100400008; 1410400009). All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Department heads had met to discuss need for updating Temporary COVID-19 Leave Policy put in place in March. County attorney provided new draft. It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to approve Temporary COVID-19 Disaster Emergency Leave Policy as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

County Engineer presented bids for Secondary Road Project #BROS-SWAP-CO62(96)—FE-62 (replacement bridge on 110<sup>th</sup> St). Iowa Bridge & Culvert L.C.: \$685,725.95; Herberger Construction Co. Inc.: \$748.321/10; Cunningham-Reis, LLC - \$855,696.05. It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to approve awarding contract to Iowa Bridge & Culvert as recommended by Engineer. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to authorize signature on Iowa DOT Certification of Completion & Final Acceptance of Agreement Work in purchase of one set of portable, temporary, traffic signals in cooperation with Marion County. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to set public hearing October 19, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. for hearing on vacation of alley in Town of Evans. Notice will be submitted for publication. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public comments: None

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