

**April 18, 2022**

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 Darin Hite; Joe Lancello, KBOE; Dave Sedivec, Conservation Director and board members: Linda Fox, Peggy Wright, Steve Dixon, Curt Jager, Willie VanWeelden; Deann DeGroot; Amy Brainard; Tom Flaherty; Andrew Ritland; Andy McGuire; Jamey Robinson; Ben Hoskinson; Troy Bemis and Susan Brown, Auditor. Mike Jensen of Shive Hattery attended by telephone. This meeting was live streamed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University. Meeting was opened with a moment of silence.

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

Public comments: Jamey Robinson spoke to the board regarding recent ruling on mandamus action and SF2298 which had passed through the legislature last week. He noted that EMA commission should be filing budget for next year sooner rather than later naming funding sources to support the budget. Senate File 2298 was passed unanimously on the state level. If members of a 911 board and EMA commission vote with a 2/3 majority, the commission can become “responsible for the activities of a joint 911 service board”. At this time it has not been signed by the governor. Questions were raised as to the make-up of the board and commission; it does not address funding.

Auditor Brown submitted to the board her letter of resignation/retirement coming up in July. She expressed appreciation for all who have supported her in the 28 years she has worked in the office.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to open public hearing concerning the Mahaska County Courthouse HVAC replacement project using federal ARPA funding. All present voted aye. Motion carried. The estimate for the project is \$1.7 million. Department head meetings have been held and there is support from them. Mr. Jensen noted ventilation and air quality will see a marked improvement in the building. There were no comments in person or written. It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to close public hearing. An emergency generator has been added to the plan. It will take approximately four weeks for the bid process. It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve plan submitted by Shive Hattery and let the project out for bid. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the minutes of April 4 meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to accept third quarter reports from Recorder, Veterans Affairs, Sheriff and Auditor. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Deann DeGroot and Amy Brainard, new Main Street director presented the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report from Mahaska Chamber and Development Group. It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve use of the courthouse parking lot for the following events in 2022: Friday after Five, June 3, 10 and July 17; Art on the Square, June 11; Sweet Corn Serenade, July 28; possibility of WP Parents Weekend, September 17. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION  
FOR A STATE OF IOWA REVITALIZE IOWA'S SOUND ECONOMY  
GRANT  
FOR THE US 63 - IA 23 CONNECTOR PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa made available \$18 million for promoting economic development through the construction or improvement of roads and streets; and,

WHEREAS, the Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy, also known as RISE grant program, has funding for local development projects related to economic developments such as Certified Sites and industrial parks; and,

WHEREAS, the US 63 - IA 23 CONNECTOR PROJECT is a surface transportation project that satisfies many of the selection criteria identified in the grant, including: development potential, economic impact, local commitment and initiative, and area economic need; and,

WHEREAS, this construction project is a continuation of the planning studies that have resulted in the construction of the existing SW US HWY 163 bypass and the currently under design NW US HWY 163 bypass; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oskaloosa, in partnership with Mahaska County, and Mahaska Chamber & Development Group are preparing a RISE grant application to build the US 63 - IA 23 Connector project; and,

WHEREAS, the total project cost is estimated to be \$11,277,576, with the RISE grant application amount of \$7,330,424; and,

WHEREAS, Mahaska County and the City of Oskaloosa have agreed to equally (50/50) share the local match of approximately \$3,947,152; and,

WHEREAS, the actual project cost and the Mahaska County and City of Oskaloosa cost share would be determined upon project letting; and,

WHEREAS, the project will be adequately maintained and dedicated to public use for a minimum of 20 years after completion of the project; and,

WHEREAS, the Board Chairman recommends that the Board of Supervisors authorize the US63 - IA 23 Connector project for the State of Iowa Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy, also known as RISE grant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Mahaska County, Iowa that the County Engineer or designee is authorized to submit the above-described grant application in the amount \$7,330,424 on behalf of Mahaska County to the State of Iowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Mahaska County, Iowa that the Board Chairman and County Auditor are hereby authorized and directed to execute said application and required certifications for and on behalf of Mahaska County, Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 18th day of April, 2022.

Engineer discussed the deteriorated condition of roadway at 230<sup>th</sup> and Lynn Ave. Consensus is to contact adjacent landowners and discuss, possibly in a work session.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve annual Notice of Destruction of Noxious Weeds presented by Weed Commissioner, Ben Hoskinson and direct auditor to publish. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Director and Conservation Board members discussed Environmental Learning Center availability to public. Director Sedivec discussed a couple of options using current staff and volunteers. Discussion was held as to funding options from property rental and Co Conservation Land Acquisition Trust Fund.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve payment of invoice from SmartSource Consulting for additional hours above engagement agreement in broadband project analysis. Invoice is \$4,343.75. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve a basic talk and text plan for General Assistance cell phone in the amount of \$25/month. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve fireworks display application from Co-Line Manufacturing to be held at 1332 100<sup>th</sup> St, Lynnville, IA on August 6, 2022. Rain date August 7, 2022. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to accept final of Mahaska County FY21 audit report. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to go into closed session with counsel in re: Iowa Code 21.5 1(c). All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to go back into open session 11:05 a.m. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Given that proposed SF2298 has not been signed by governor and will not take effect until July 1, 2022 the board's position related to EMA/911 has not changed.

Chairman read Auditor's resignation letter into the record. The Board thanked her for her dedication and work in running the Auditor's office.

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: None

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

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

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Mark Groenendyk  
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisors