



**April 03, 2023**

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, IT; Tom Flaherty, Economic Development; Andrew Ritland, County Attorney; Lindsey Thomas, County Assessor; Carter Brehm and Mike Rodwell, Secondary Roads; Connie Van Polen, County Treasurer; Jamey Robinson, EMA; Stuart Anderson and Tim McClun, Iowa DOT; Channing Rucks, Oskaloosa Herald; Jordan Wood, Dave Krutzfeldt, Mayor; Amal Eltahir, City Manager; Bob Drost, City Councilman; Jack Rempe, John Bandstra, Nick Ryan, Dave Prine, Joe Caliguri, Ron Reed, Pat Humphrey, Micah Van Mersbergen, Richard Brown, Bob Van Wyk, Marie Vander Wert, Joe Warrick, Curtis Van Der Hart and Teri Rogers, County Auditor. This meeting was live streamed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University.

Chairman Groenendyk opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the amended agenda for today's meeting. Item #6 will be moved up before the Iowa DOT presentation.








Public comments:

-  Micah Van Mersbergen provided update on the wind project; not approved by IUB yet.
-  John Bandstra commented on issues related to the airport.

Jordan Wood made his case for a refund or credit for ag land that was misclassified. After discussion, the Board declared that this is out of their jurisdiction and should have gone before the Appeals Board. His ag land has been reclassified as ag land for the upcoming year.

Stuart Anderson with the Iowa DOT facilitated presentation based on the 2022 Iowa Aviation Economic Impact Report regarding the economic impact of Iowa's aviation system. For more information visit [IowaDOT.gov/aviation](https://www.iowadot.gov/aviation)

Public Comments:

-  Nick Ryan
-  Howard Westercamp
-  Joe Warrick
-  Curtis Van Der Hart
-  Pat Humphrey
-  Marie Vander Wert
-  Dave Krutzfeldt

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve minutes of March 14 and March 20. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the 3rd quarter report for the Auditor's office for \$122. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the 12-month Class C Retail Alcohol License for Tassel Ridge Winery, LLC. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the application for fireworks display permit for J&M Displays, Inc. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to accept the E911 and Emergency Management Operations study by Resource Management Associates. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

## **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES**

March 14, 2023

TO: Amal Eltahir, City Manager, City of Oskaloosa

FROM: Resource Management Associates

SUBJECT: E911 and Emergency Management Operations Study: Oskaloosa Herald Article  
Resource Management Associates ("RMA") wishes to address certain information in the article entitled "New data contradicts reported numbers in 911 evaluation" published in the Oskaloosa Herald on March 11, 2023 and subsequent days regarding the E911 and Emergency Management Operations Study (the E911/EMA Study).

1. RMA without qualification stands by the E911/EMA Study as presented in final form to the Oskaloosa City Council and Mahaska County Supervisors on February 6, 2023.
2. All data in the E911/EMA Study related to 911 calls and calls for service were provided personally by the EMA/911 Administrator or 911 Director at RMA's request.
3. As soon as RMA early in the E911/EMA Study process found that the 911 CAD system could provide data only by municipality and not by agency, e.g., Mahaska County Sheriff, RMA specifically asked the EMA/911 Administrator for data on CAD events by agency like Mahaska County Sheriff and was told that data by agency as requested could not be reported from the Mahaska CAD system.
4. The EMA/911 Administrator and Sheriff were full participants in the E911/EMA Study from its very beginning and both served on the leadership group which reviewed work products and participated in meetings with the consulting team. This included among other things the leadership group's review of the final draft of the E911/EMA Study on January 25, 2023 which the leadership group had received several days prior to the draft review. No comments were received from anyone at or in the days after the draft review.
5. No one on the leadership group ever once questioned the methodology, findings or recommendations of the E911/EMA Study during its duration over several months from November, 2022 to February, 2023. Among other things, this included a complete lack of comment at the final presentation of the E911/EMA Study on February 6, 2023 to the City Council and Board of Supervisors.

6. The consulting team exchanged dozens of emails and had numerous conversations with the EMA/911 Administrator or 911 Director over three months in order to make every effort to assure that all data in the E911/EMA Study were as complete and accurate as possible.
7. If any member of the leadership group or anyone else had any knowledge or information which could have enhanced the E911/EMA Study, these persons had a professional responsibility to disclose this to the consulting team without being specifically solicited.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the payroll changes for Secondary Roads. The first change is for a new employee, David Malloy. His classification will be Job Classification II (Maintenance and Equipment Operator) at a base hourly wage rate of \$25.52. David's start date is April 28, 2023. Per the Mahaska County Employee Guidebook, David will start employment with 2 days of personal time. The second change is a personnel change request for Travis Johnston from his current classification (truck driver and laborer) to Job Classification II (Maintenance and Equipment Operator). The effective date of this change will be for the payroll period beginning April 2, 2023, at a base hourly wage rate of \$25.52. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the payroll change for IRVM. Barb Van Patten will begin her 16th season as Roadside Technician this year. Her wage will be \$17.33 per hour and will be added to the payroll as of April 3, 2023. Her position will be funded until December 31, 2023, or otherwise discussed with the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors. This position will not exceed 1,560 hours. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the annual "Weed Notice" from IRVM. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to set the date for the first FY 2023/2024 budget hearing for April 10, 2023, at 9:00 am. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to consider the Compensation Board's recommendations for FY24 and keep compensation levels for elected county employees the same as FY23. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to raise the insurance amounts on the three radio towers (Beacon, Eddyville, and New Sharon) from \$516,000 to \$1,000,000 effective as of March 31, 2023. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom Flaherty addressed the Board regarding the Broadband access project in conjunction with MCG. It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the invitation to qualify Mahaska County Broadband Intervention application. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to accept the bid from Manatt's, Inc. in the amount of \$2,029,337.80 and award them the contract for Old Highway 163 PCC Overlay

Project, project number L-2023(02)-73-62. Per Bob Drost, City Councilman, the city approved this measure at the most recent City Council meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the Mahaska County Iowa DOT budget. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Personnel report for 2 equipment operator positions. Refer to approval of payroll changes noted above for Secondary Roads.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the final pay voucher for Project # FM-C062(100)-55-62. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the Secondary Roads Five-Year Program. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- ✚ Board member Webb mentioned that Paul Greufe would be at the County Shop this afternoon.
- ✚ Board member Webb mentioned that the Southeast Iowa Detention Center has raised their hourly rate from \$160 to \$185.
- ✚ Board member Webb provided update on SEIDA incident.
- ✚ Vice-Chair Wanders reported it would be a couple more weeks before the Central Iowa Detention Center opens the new wing.

Public Comments:

- ✚ Jamey Robinson commented on the statistics from the RMA study and a report that Homeland Security was accidentally informed that Mahaska County was included in a tornado damage report.
- ✚ Connie Van Polen approached the Board about the deadline to have all the bond money for the Radio project spent by the end of the current fiscal year.
- ✚ Lindsay Thomas addressed the Board regarding property classification. She also noted that the 4/17 agenda would include insurance commission recommendations.

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

Attest:\_\_\_\_\_

Teri Rogers  
Mahaska County Auditor

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Mark Groenendyk  
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisors