

June 5, 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 Director; Andrew Ritland, County Attorney; Russ Van Renterghem, County Sheriff; Nicole Buffington, Administrative Deputy; Andrew McGuire, Secondary Roads; Calvin Bandstra, Darrell and Rachel Buchanan, Nick Ryan, Pat Scanlon, Lyle Siefering, Jean Stanford, Micah Van Mersbergen, Joe Warrick 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 Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the agenda for today's meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public comments:

- ✚ Joe Warrick approached the Board and spoke in favor of the airport to bring prosperity and growth to the county.
- ✚ Nick Ryan approached the Board and spoke against the airport.
- ✚ Micah Van Mersbergen provided an update for the Board on the wind prime project regarding Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO). The state has setback requirements depending on the number of animals and manure storage.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve minutes of May 15, May 22, May 26 and June 1. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the payroll change for the Auditor's office. Holly Hanselman resigned from her position as Administrative Deputy effective May 26th and Nicole Buffington was hired to replace her. Nicole's starting salary will be \$47,159 and her start date is May 30th, 2023.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the payroll change for the Sheriff's department. Jailer Dalton Daniels has been removed from payroll effective May 23 2023 as he is no longer employed with Mahaska County.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the Mahaska County Procurement Policy. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Attorney Ritland requested that the Board appoint someone familiar with the policy to implement it.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the conflict waiver letter with Ahlers and Cooney Attorneys. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion around the Buchanan proposal for purchasing a county-owned railroad right-of-way included input from Andrew McGuire, County Engineer and Andrew Ritland, County Attorney. It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to table this issue. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the Revolving Loan Fund involved Calvin Bandstra and Lyle Siefering. Tom Flaherty is working with Deann DeGroot to update the by-laws.

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

Resolution #2023-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MAHASKA COUNTY APPROVING MENTAL HEALTH AGENCY OF SOUTHEAST IOWA REGION 28E

WHEREAS, Iowa Code 331 expresses the intent of the legislature that Mental Health and Disability Services shall be provided by counties operating together as Regions; and

WHEREAS, the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors has participated in the South-Central Behavioral Health Region (SCBHR) 28E Agreement as a member county; and

WHEREAS, the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors has been engaged in the development of the merged Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa Region 28E documents; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board represented Counties of Appanoose, Davis, Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Keokuk, Lee, Louisa, Mahaska, Monroe, Van Buren, Wapello, and Washington have approved the Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa 28E by way of roll call vote at their respective Mental Health and Disability Services Regions Governing Board meetings, and

BE IT RESOLVED that Mahaska County approves the Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa 28E.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of June 2023.

Andrew McGuire, County Engineer, presented information on several road projects. Main topics were safety and road rights-of-way.

Committee Reports:

- Member Webb provided a copy of a wind turbine/solar farm ordinance that is based off the Woodbury County format. This ordinance includes a requirement

for Aircraft Detection Lighting Systems (ADLS) and a plan for decommissioning the structures.

✚ Chairman Groenendyk mentioned that Friday, June 9th will be County Treasurer Van Polen's last day of employment. Her retirement party is on Thursday, June 8th from 2 pm to 4 pm in the Courthouse.

Public Comments: None

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

Attest: _____

Teri Rogers
Mahaska County Auditor

Mark Groenendyk
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisors