

**March 18, 2024**

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met in work session on the above date at 4:30 p.m. in City Hall in the City Council chamber. Present were the following board members: Chairman – Mark Groenendyk, Vice Chairman – Steve Wanders and Supervisor Chuck Webb. Also present were Tim Wallace and Scott Port, project managers with McClure Engineering, City Council members Mayor Dave Krutzfeldt, Ronda Almond, Joe Caligiuri, Charlie Comfort, Bob Drost, Lisa Ossian, City Clerk, Amy Miller; Development Services Director, Shawn Christ; Stewart Timm, County Engineer, Andrew McGuire; Sean Murphy, Matt Van Wyk, Kelly Hefner, and Teri Rogers, County Auditor.

This work session was for informational purposes only. Tim Wallace, Project Manager with McClure Engineering gave an update to the Board of Supervisors and City Council members on the status of the SE Connector. Tim indicated they are through the functional design phase. The railroad coordination could take 8-12 months. The preliminary plans should be ready by early May 2024 with plats and easement exhibits put together for the right-of-way acquisition stage. Bid-letting timeframe is tentative and subject to change, but Feb. 2025 is a good marker. Landowners are in full support. Access on and off Hwy 23 and Hwy 163 along with potential alignment, traffic and safety impacts were also discussed. The County and City of Oskaloosa are making plans for bonding.

No decisions were made.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teri Rogers  
Mahaska County Auditor

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Mark Groenendyk  
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisors