

April 1, 2024

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; Russ Van Renterghem, Sheriff; Troy Bemis, Maintenance Director; Lindsey Thomas, Assessor; Ben Hoskinson, IRVM; Andrew Ritland, Attorney; Mike Rodwell and Carter Brehm, Secondary Roads and Teri Rogers, Auditor. This meeting was live streamed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University.

Chairman Groenendyk opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

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

Public comments: None

Stephanie Lathrop presented the quarterly review of HIPAA compliance for the county. Stephanie reviewed training completion percentages for compliance. The overall completion rate as of today is 80.4%. Participation in the modules recently released is low, but this is due to employees having issues accessing the courses through the new training system. Stephanie will be emailing employees and their department heads who haven't completed the recent programs.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve minutes for March 18 for the regular board meeting and the joint session between the Board and the City Council regarding the SE Connector project. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve minutes for March 26; meeting with Greater Des Moines Partnership and Ruritan Club. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the bills for February in the amount of \$847,834.56. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Notice for special election canvass for City of Oskaloosa City Council Ward 4 will be held on Tuesday, April 9th at 10:00 am in the courthouse, 3rd floor conference room.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to accept the payroll change for the Auditor's office. Kasey Kauffman has been hired as the Real Estate Deputy and will be added to payroll effective March 18, 2024, with a 90-day probationary period. Her salary is \$40,422. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to accept the payroll change for IRVM. Barb Van Patten will begin her 17th season as Roadside Technician this year. Her wage will be \$17.85 per hour and will be added to the payroll as of April 1, 2024. Her position will be funded until

December 31, 2024, 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 Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the insurance committee's recommendations to adopt the Prudent RX plan. Lindsey Thomas made a presentation to the Board after a meeting last week with Holmes Murphy. Wellmark will begin sending letters out to members who use these higher tier drugs in June. Members will benefit from getting free prescriptions and the County will benefit by lower costs. The deadline to adopt this plan is today and will be effective July 1, 2024. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to accept the change order in the amount of \$4,516.33 for the HVAC installation. The purpose of this is to build up additional grading and handrails around the condensers for safety during maintenance since this is near the edge of the roof. The original contract sum was \$2,055,000.00. With this change order, the new contract sum will be \$2,059,516.33. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to table approval of the preliminary and final plat for Kells Landing in the Carter Acres Subdivision pending payment of fees. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the IDOT Secondary Roads 5 Year Program. Mike Rodwell and Carter Brehm presented the board with documentation. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the IDOT Secondary Roads Budget. Ending fund balance was discussed. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding General Technology Assessment with the South Iowa Area Crime Commission. It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders authorizing \$1,000 to be spent FY 23-24 with Chuck Webb working with Teri Rogers and Russ Van Renterghem to find a place in the budget to fund \$1,000 for FY 24-25.

Discussion regarding providing an annual statement to each county employee concerning their individual salary and benefits.

Committee Reports:

- 🚩 Mark Groenendyk notified us that HIRP is encouraging counties to develop a safety committee. This can be discussed during tomorrow's department head meeting.

Public Comments: None

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

Attest: _____

Teri Rogers
Mahaska County Auditor

Mark Groenendyk
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisors