

May 06, 2024

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met 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; Troy Bemis, Maintenance Director; Russ Van Renterghem, Sheriff; Andrew McGuire, County Engineer; Deann DeGroot, Chamber; Joe Farris, Mahaska County Solid Waste, Doug Stout, Rep. Miller-Meeks’ office and Teri Rogers, County Auditor.

Chairman Groenendyk opened the meeting 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: None

Webb made a motion to approve the minutes with a correction of “unincorporated cities” to “incorporated cities.” This motion was seconded by Wanders to approve the minutes of April 22 as corrected. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to set the time and date of Tuesday, May 28, 9:00 a.m. for public hearing regarding budget amendment #2 for FY23/24. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the appointment of Donna Scanlon to the Board of Adjustments. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the preliminary and final plat for the Crile Subdivision. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

By consensus of the Board, it was agreed to table the preliminary and final plats for the Bonnettsville and Mily Terrace Subdivisions until the next meeting since final approvals have not been received by all necessary parties.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the preliminary and final plat for the Morris Estates Subdivision. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Due to lack of receipt of payment for the Huffman Subdivision, the Board tabled the approval of the preliminary and final plats until the next board meeting.

Discussion centered around county funding for juveniles once they leave detention and go to placement facilities. Bills from two unfamiliar entities were received recently that we questioned as being legitimate bills. Chuck found out that these are halfway houses and the State of Iowa pays a portion and the County is responsible for a portion.

Discussion regarding water main piping that serves the LEC and the Courthouse. Last week, there was a break in the pipe that resulted in closing the Courthouse. Brian Edel responded to the call and was able to repair the issue temporarily. Further work is going to be required to completely solve the problem. The pipe will need to be replaced and will probably include the use of three shut off valves. One for the fire suppression, one for the water line to the Courthouse and the third for the water line to the Law Enforcement Center.

Joe Farris, Mahaska County Solid Waste Landfill Manager, addressed the Board regarding a financial assurance bond. This is a requirement from the DNR to make sure there is enough money available in case the landfill must be closed or capped prematurely. They are looking to secure a local government assurance bond from the City of Oskaloosa and Mahaska County for approximately 2,150,000 million collectively.

The Board recognized and congratulated Carter Brehm for his achievement in passing the Professional Engineers Exam. With this achievement under his belt, Carter has fulfilled three of the four requirements to become a licensed engineer. The last requirement is four years of work experience with a licensed engineer. Andrew McGuire informed the Board that Carter is doing a great job as an Assistant County Engineer and has completed two years of this four-year requirement.

The Board recognized and congratulated Andrew McGuire for being elected as the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) as our Regional Vice-President (Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Louisiana, and Texas). Andrew spoke at length regarding NACE and the role they play statewide and at the federal level.

Committee Reports:

- ✚ Chuck reported that the work session scheduled for May 7 will include a meeting with the Conservation Board.
- ✚ Mark asked Andrew McGuire for an update on the expected timeline on the SE Connector project and Andrew informed the Board of the anticipated schedule.
- ✚ Mark reported that Josh Stevens will be addressing the board at the May 20 meeting regarding updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Public Comments:

- ✚ Doug Stout approached the Board and introduction himself. He recently joined the Mariannette Miller-Meeke campaign and has an office in Indianola. He will be a resource for Mahaska County.

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 County Board of Supervisors