

July 12, 2024

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met on the above date at 1:30 pm in the court Magistrate's room in the Mahaska County Courthouse. Present were the following board members: Chairman – Mark Groenendyk; Vice Chairman – Steve Wanders and Member – Chuck Webb. Also present were Prairie Township Clerk and Trustees (Chris Ver Steegh, Robert Van Weelden, Laural DeJong and Bernie Veenstra), Dustin Hite, New Sharon Mayor; Andrew Ritland, County Attorney; Lindsey Thomas, County Assessor; Jody Van Patten, County Recorder; Shauna Hol, County Treasurer and Teri Rogers, County Auditor.

The first topic of discussion was the error made on the Prairie Township budget. Due to oversight made when creating the budget, publishing the budget and reviewing the budget at the public hearing, the residents of Prairie Township are having a levy of \$.06 assessed against them versus the maximum rate of \$.60. Potential remedies were discussed and will be investigated. No matter which option is chosen, the City of New Shaorn will provide fire protection to the residents of Prairie Township.

- ✚ Option 1 – will the Board of Supervisors be willing to or able to bridge the gap for the difference of approximately \$33,738 and if so, to what extent and for what duration?
- ✚ Option 2 – depending on the source of funds sitting in Prairie Township's reserve fund, the township trustees could vote to use some of those funds, while the County funds the remainder.

Lindsey Thomas, Mahaska County Assessor, presented the following topics for the consideration of the Board. Discussion was held on the requirements of each exemption, and of the various local board's duties for verification and allowance of each.

- ✚ Impoundment Structure Exemptions
- ✚ Wildlife Habitat (DNR) Exemptions
- ✚ Native Prairie / Wetland (DNR) Exemptions
- ✚ Natural Conservation / Wildlife / Open Prairie Exemptions

Discussion regarding conditional offer for new Maintenance Director and pending drug screening policy for the County.

No decisions were made.

Attest: _____

Teri Rogers
Mahaska County Auditor

Mark Groenendyk
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisors