

August 19, 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: Vice chairman – Steve Wanders and Member – Chuck Webb. Also, present were Brian Knudtson, GIS; Andrew Ritland, County Attorney; Russ Van Renterghem, Sheriff; Chris Clingan, Conservation Director; Deann DeGroot and Angie Foster, Chamber; Jeff Wilford, Oskaloosa Herald; John Bandstra, Kasey Kauffman, Real Estate Deputy and Teri Rogers, Mahaska County Auditor.

Vice Chairman Wanders 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

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the minutes of Aug 5th and Aug 14th. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the bills for July in the amount of \$1,559,503.23. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to give permission to the Chamber to use the courthouse parking lot all day during the WHO-13 RVTV event and close the courthouse at 3 PM on Sept 4th. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve two payroll changes for Conservation. Steve Nugteren has been hired as a full-time Park Ranger. His start date will be Aug. 26, 2024. With his experience, he will start his 90-day probationary period at pay grade 16, 2-year step (\$26.42/hr). After successful completion of the probationary period, he will advance to the 4-year step at \$27.22/hr. Molly Hicks has been hired as a full-time Administrative Assistant. Her start date will be Aug. 26, 2024. She will start out in pay grade 13 on the first step at \$19.71/hour. All present vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the payroll change for the Courthouse. Destiny Stewart has been hired as a part-time custodian. Her hourly rate will be \$18.00 based on 25 hours/week. Her start date is Aug. 12, 2024. All present vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the payroll change for Secondary Roads. Maison Breuklander has been hired with Job Classification 1 (truck drivers & laborers) at a base hourly wage rate of \$26.80. His start date is Aug. 30, 2024. Per the Mahaska County Employee guidebook, he will start employment with 2 days of personal time. All present vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the payroll changes for the Sheriff's office. Lindzey Rivera has been hired as a full-time jailer. His start date is Aug. 14th with an annual salary of \$47,649.16 (pay grade 14 at \$21.31 per hour). Jonathan Lanser has resigned his position as a full-time jailer effective Aug. 15th, 2024. All present vote aye. Motion carried.

The board discussed the topic to approve the 28E agreement for Police Protection services for the City of Rose Hill for FY24/25 in the amount of \$52.00. The topic was tabled, the board is recommending a work session to discuss further.

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

The Board discussed harassment prevention training provided by Heartland Insurance Risk Pool on Friday, Sept. 6th, 2024, at the Environmental Learning Center. This is an option for any county employee who would like to have in-person instruction versus using the online KnowBe4 system.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve a 3-year contract with a new auditing firm, Forvis Mazars, after discussing their bid vs Williams & Co. The contract the County had with its long-term auditing firm, Terpstra, Hoke & Assoc., ended June 30, 2024.

Committee Reports: None

Public comments:

Chris Clingan brought up the bill received from Duncan Green, P.C., who was hired by Heartland and his concern for future unexpected bills.

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

Attest: _____

Teri Rogers
Mahaska County Auditor

Mark Groenendyk – Chairman
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors