

September 03, 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 Brian Knudtson, GIS; Russ Van Renterghem, Sheriff; Andrew McGuire, Secondary Roads Engineer; Carter Brehm, Secondary Roads Engineer Assistant; Jeff Wilford, Herald; and Kasey Kauffman, Mahaska County Real Estate Deputy.

Chairman Groenendyk opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the minutes of Aug 19th. Groenendyk abstained. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the minutes of Aug 29th. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the payroll changes for the Courthouse. Troy Bemis resigned from his position as Maintenance Director effective Sept. 6th, 2024. All present vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the payroll changes for the Courthouse. Darin Hite resigned from his position as IT Director effective Aug. 28th, 2024. All present vote aye. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the addition of the new IT Director. It was moved by Webb, seconded by Wanders to accept the committee's recommendation to add Danay Garcia to payroll with a starting salary in pay grade 17 of \$26.93 per hour with a 6-month probationary period. At the end of the probationary period, they will consider moving her to the starting level of pay grade 18. Her start date to be Friday, Sept. 6th, 2024. With this recommendation, the county will continue to have assistance from an outside vendor to assist Danay and some recommendations are complete. Danay has agreed to signing for a background check and drug screening. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the payroll changes for the Driver's License Department. Jonathon Angove's last day was Aug. 23rd, 2024. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the payroll changes for the Driver's License Department. Deborah (Suzy) Richards has resigned from her position.

Her last day on the Mahaska County payroll will be Sept. 9th, 2024. She requested an unpaid leave of absence for 30 days and that has been granted by Shauna Hol, Mahaska County Treasurer, that will begin on Sept. 10th, 2024. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the payroll changes for the Driver's License Department. Tara Stek-Walters was hired by the Mahaska County Treasurer for the Driver's License department. Her employment will begin on Sept. 10th, 2024, with an annual salary of \$49,358 (hourly rate \$23.73). All present vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve a payroll change to the Sheriff's Office. Tara Stek-Walters has resigned from her position and her last day will be Sept. 8th, 2024. All present vote aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Webb introduced Resolution #2024-16 (authorizing adoption of amended and restated policies and procedures regarding municipal securities disclosure) hereinafter next set out and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Wanders; and after due consideration thereof by the Board of Supervisors, the Chairperson put the question upon the adoption of the said resolution and the roll being called, the following named Supervisors voted:

Ayes: Mark Groenendyk, Steve Wanders, Chuck Webb
Nays: _____

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the 12-month Class C Retail Alcohol License for SouthStar Farms, LLC. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the 12-month Special Class B Retail Native Wine License for Frisian Farms Cheese, LLC. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the final plans of G29 PCC Overlay project from Urbana Avenue East to the Mahaska/Keokuk County line including setting the date, time and location of the project letting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

 Mark gave an update on the 911 Board.

Public comments: None

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

Attest: _____
Kasey Kauffman
Mahaska Co. Real Estate Deputy

Mark Groenendyk – Chairman
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisors