

## September 16, 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 Danay Garcia, IT; Brian Knudtson, GIS Coord; Andrew Ritland, County Attorney; Zach Kauffman, Maintenance Director; Russ Van Renterghem, Sheriff; Chris Clingan, Conservation Director; Jeff Wilford, Oskaloosa Herald; Doug Stout from the MMM campaign, John Pearson and Teri Rogers, Mahaska 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 with item #6 removed. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the minutes of Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the bills for August in the amount of \$1,663,079.58. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve these payroll changes for the Sheriff's office. Zackary Myers has been hired as a full-time Deputy. His start date is Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, with an annual salary of \$55,699 (pay grade 16). Kalebb Conner has been hired as a full-time jailer. His start date is Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, with an annual salary of \$47,649 (pay grade 14). Carson Abrams has been hired as a part-time jailer. His employment with the county began on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. His hourly salary will be \$14 with no benefits. All present vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the payroll change for Substance Abuse/Mental Health. Heather Gross's last official day with Mahaska County and the Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa region was Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. All present vote aye. Motion carried.

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

A work session was held Friday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, to open the bids for the LED plumbing replacement project. It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to accept the proposed bid from Excel Mechanical for the Base Bid plus alternates #2 and #3 (\$210,750) and not include alternate #1. Alternate #1 is for the floor drain inspection. Alternate #2 is for the grease interceptor and alternate #3 is for the PVC upgrade. This motion is contingent on

the agreement with the city to help cover a portion of the cost. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the 28E agreement for Police Protection Services for the City of Eddyville for FY23/24 and FY24/25 in the amount of \$18,000 with the addition of the word “Auditor” added after Mahaska County in paragraph #6 of the FY24/25 agreement. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board discussed police protection for the incorporated cities in Mahaska County. Currently, many cities are receiving police protection, but not paying for it. Two sheriff’s deputies are being paid out of the Rural Basic fund, so rural taxpayers are footing the bill for police protection for the cities. It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders (for FY25/26) to inform the city governments of what their share would be based on current valuations for budgeting purposes. If they want police protection from the County, future 28E agreements would reflect these values. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Barnes City	\$ 7,806.54	Beacon	\$21,858.32
Eddyville	\$15,613.08	Fremont	\$45,277.94
Keomah Village	\$15,613.08	Leighton	\$10,929.16
Rose Hill	\$ 4,683.93	University Park	\$32,787.38

The Board discussed the policy regarding Heartland Insurance Risk Pool (HIRP) and issues relating to attorney use and fees associated with such. Each county is given \$2,500 per year for potential litigation notification. After much discussion, the sentiment was that it would be great if Heartland did a better job communicating when outside counsel will be consulted and what the result of that could entail.

It was moved by Webb to approve the invoice from Heartland Insurance Risk Pool (HIRP) for attorney fees assessed for the Conservation CRP issue with the county covering 50%. This motion did not receive a second. It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb for Conservation to pay this invoice and potentially approve a budget amendment near the end of the fiscal year. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Groenendyk to approve the creation of a Compensation Board. A resolution will be created and presented at the Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> board meeting. All present vote aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: None

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

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Mark Groenendyk – Chairman  
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisors