

**April 21, 2025**

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 the following: Laura Ayala (Clerk); Charlie Comfort, John Bandstra, Lindsey Thomas (Assessor), Joe Warrick (Oskaloosa Herald), Mike Vogt, James Ide, Deann DeGroot (Mahaska County Chamber), Russ VanRenterghem (Sheriff), Alex Valster (City of Oskaloosa), Shawn Metcalf (Oskaloosa City Manager), Eric Dursky (Sanitarian), Shauna Hol (Treasurer) and Jody Groenendyk (County Auditor).

This meeting was live streamed by the Communications Research Institute of William Penn University.

Supervisor Groenendyk opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Steve Wanders seconded by Chuck Webb to approve the agenda. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public comments: Charlie Comfort, citizen, not representing the Oskaloosa School Board or the Oskaloosa City Council had a complaint about Chief Deputy Ben Johnston. Shawn Metcalf was introduced as Oskaloosa's City Manager as of April 8, 2025. Shawn Christ, Oskaloosa City Development and Deann DeGroot, Mahaska Chamber discussed the Jefferson School project funding gap.

It was moved by Steve Wanders seconded by Chuck Webb to open the 9:00 a.m. public hearing regarding proposed FY26 Mahaska County Budget. No written comments. No verbal comments.

It was moved by Steve Wanders seconded by Chuck Webb to close public hearing. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Steve Wanders seconded by Chuck Webb to adopt the FY26 Mahaska County budget as published with the following resolution. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Resolution #2025-08**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the proposed Mahaska County budget for FY-2025/2026 as published in the official county newspaper on April 5, 2025 (Oskaloosa, Iowa) be approved and adopted.

Passed and approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2025.

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Mark Groenendyk, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Jody Groenendyk, Mahaska Co. Auditor

It was moved by Chuck Webb seconded by Steve Wanders to open the 9:15 a.m. public hearing. On the matter of vacating and closure of a portion of Mahaska County Secondary Roads described as follows:

*A road being 66 feet in width, beginning 800 feet east of the N1/4 Corner Section 21, Monroe Twp., T-76N, R-14W, thence easterly approximately 3160 feet to near N1/4 corner of the NW ¼ of section 22, Monroe Twp. (190<sup>th</sup> Street)*

*The vacated road shall be conveyed to the adjoining property owners.*

No written comments. Dan Augustine asked to keep the first 800 feet of 190<sup>th</sup> street open and maintained by the county. The Board will decide during the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

It was moved by Steve Wanders seconded by Chuck Webb to close public hearing. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Steve Wanders seconded by Chuck Webb to approve the minutes from April 7, 2025. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Steve Wanders seconded by Chuck Webb to authorize the publication of notice of intent to fill County Auditor vacancy by appointment. All present voted aye. Motion carried. The notice will be published in the April 26, 2025 Oskaloosa Herald.

It was moved by Steve Wanders seconded by Chuck Webb to approve the preliminary and final subdivision plats for RV#1 and RV#2. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mark Groenendyk seconded by Steve Wanders to set May 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. for FY25 Mahaska County Budget Amendment Hearing. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding MARC Radio Repeater System. Mike Vote and James Ide discussed moving from the old tower to the new tower.

It was moved by Steve Wanders seconded by Chuck Webb to approve the request of the Sheriff to add Peyton Leathers to the Sheriff's Office payroll as a full-time jailer. Mr. Leathers will begin his employment with the county beginning April 13, 2025 with a beginning wage of \$47,649.16. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Chuck Webb seconded by Steve Wanders to remove Sarah Champoux from the Auditor's office payroll effective April 17, 2025. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Chuck Webb seconded by Steve Wanders to remove Destany Stewart from the maintenance department payroll effective April 16, 2025. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Dangerous Dogs and Dangerous Animals ordinance drafts as presented. Eric Dursky asked for a written protocol to follow for public health concerns. The draft considers guidelines from other counties.

It was moved by Steve Wanders seconded by Mark Groenendyk to approve the IDOT FY26 Budget. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Steve Wanders seconded by Mark Groenendyk to award the contract for the SE Connector Grading Project to DeLong Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,982,295.28. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The Insurance Committee discussed the FY26 Health Insurance renewal with the Board. The Mahaska County Health Insurance Committee proposes a \$10 per month per tier increase in contributions for the FY26 renewal.

Public Comments: Teresa Paige, elections deputy from 1998 - 2023, passed away on Easter Sunday 4.20.25.

It was moved by Wanders and seconded by Groenendyk to Adjourn at 10:46 am. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Attest:\_\_\_\_\_

Laura Ayala  
Clerk

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Mark Groenendyk  
Chairman Board of Supervisors