

May 5, 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: Nick Ryan, Madison Garden, Rose Anne Mefford (District Judge) Russ VanRenterghem (Sheriff), Tracey VerSteegh (Recorder), Shauna Hol (Treasurer), Laura Ayala (Clerk).

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: Nick Ryan discussed the 2080 agreement for the SCRAA and future of the airport. He gave Mahaska County Supervisors a sample resolution for their review.

The bond amounts for the County's Elected Officials would cover the 1st Deputies acting in their behalf.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to appoint Madison Garden to fill the term of County Auditor. The vacancy will end on December 31, 2028 or until a successor is elected and qualified.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the minutes from April 21, 2025 and the April 25, 2025 meetings. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the claims for April 2025. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to increase the employee contribution for the FY26 insurance renewal by \$10 per month per tier. (\$5/pay period) This Tier increase will start on July 1, 2025. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the resolution 2025-09 closing of portion of 190th St. Monroe Twp Section 21 – Twp. 76N – Range 14W. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

**FINAL ORDER ON ROAD VACATION
CODE 306.16**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09

WHEREAS: A hearing was held on April 21st, 2025, 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.(190th Street)

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

WHEREAS: All objections and/ or comments received at the April 21st, 2025, public hearing were dealt with by the Board of Supervisors;

AND WHEREAS: Said part of present right-of-way of the closed roads are no longer necessary or required for use by the public for highway purposes and will not hereafter be required for construction or maintenance purposes for any highway.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Mahaska County that said part of present right-of-way herein described, together with any and all right of Mahaska County in and to the same are hereby abandoned, and Mahaska County hereby disclaims any right, title or interest in and to said part of present right-of-way or to use thereof for any purposes whatsoever.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to **deny any and all claims filed on any of the road closing acted on in this meeting**, motion carried.

Signed this 5th day of May, 2025.


Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Mark Groenendyk

Attest: 
Mahaska County Auditor

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to remove Rosemary Swartz from the Conservation's payroll effective April 22, 2025, and to add Colton Heintz-Kuderer to the Conservation's payroll as a part-time conservation technician. Mr. Heintz-Kuderer will begin his employment with the county beginning May 15th, 2025, at a rate of \$14.00 per hour. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the request of the Mahaska County Sheriff's Office to add Joshua Starkey to the Sheriff's Office payroll as a full-time Deputy Sheriff. Mr. Starkey will begin his employment with the county beginning May 19th, 2025 at step #6 of pay grade #16 on the county's pay scale. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to accept Veteran's Affairs 3rd Quarter reports. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve Secondary Roads Five Year Program as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Sheriff Russ VanRenterghem provided the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors a copy of the internal investigation into Deputy Ben Johnson. The investigation saw no wrong doing on Deputy Johnson as mentioned in the April 21, 2025 meeting.

Ground Breaking for the Mahaska County Conservation playscape was on April 25, 2025. No tax payer money went to fund this project. Many entities and grants are involved in funding this youth education opportunity.

Supervisor Mark Groenendyk signed a public safety grant for body cameras presented to him by Oskaloosa Police Chief, Ben Boeke.

It was moved by Webb and seconded by Wanders to Adjourn at 9:27 am. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Attest: _____

Laura Ayala
Clerk

Mark Groenendyk
Chairman Board of Supervisors