

February 17, 2026

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. Also present were the following: Madison Garden (County Auditor), Ben Johnston (Sheriff Deputy), Ashley Tish (Election Deputy), Gary McClun (Sheriff Deputy)

Groenendyk opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

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

The following individuals came forward during public comments to speak about the funding of the Oskaloosa Public Library- Micah Van Wersbergen, Gary Ciptt, Tracy Mills, Joyce Wilson, Gordon Hicks, Cheryl Benson, Chris Schippers, Stephen Stam, Jane Ryder, Amber Lynn Barber, Richard Sawyer, Wayne Vandekrol, Naomi Cummings, Cami Eslick, Georgia Ruggles, Heather Fogle, Phil Hebert, Sharma Lanthrop, Christina Sword, Lisa Alderson, Brant Bollman, Rachel Sams, Linda Fox, Benjamin Sawyer, Chuck Sinn.

A break was taken at 10:00am. The meeting resumed at 10:08am.

The following individuals came forward during public comments to speak about the funding of the Oskaloosa Public Library- Brooklyn Hayes, Minnie Richadson, Nick Ryan, Johanna Brezeman, Laura Coniglio, Teri Rogers, Nick Stam, Joan Fairchild,

Lorn Heyne spoke to the board regarding the assessment of the New Life Fellowship Church located in New Sharon, IA.

The following individuals came forward during public comments to speak about the funding of the Oskaloosa Public Library- Alice Manne on behalf of Joyce White, Aidean Vega-Van Auken, Laura BW Ginaven, Melissa Sternhagen

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the minutes from January 5 and February 2, 2026. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to appoint Garden as the County's primary representative and Wanders as the secondary representee for the contract with Mahaska Health and expending opioid funds. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the Revolving Loan Fund Application from Knoxville Manufacturing in the amount of \$46,276.55. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the payroll changes adding Brittney Wagner to the Treasurer’s Office effective February 9th, 2026, adding Ashley to the Auditor’s office payroll February 9th, 2026 with a starting pay of \$23.60 hourly, move Mitch Gibb to Assistant Engineer effective February 18th, 2026 with a starting pay of \$32.24. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to set three hearings for County Ordinances for March 16th, April 6th and April 20th at 9:05am. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Groenendyk reminded the community that March 5, 2026 the courthouse is closed for employee safety training.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the release of the FOIA requests for Paul Greufe’s pay for the last seven years and the last five years of receipts out of Solutions. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

I was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the Regulatory Update for Carosh. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

I was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the Cost Allocation Plan. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Groenendyk provided an update that the state will be eliminating the Decatorization Boards and regionalizing.

Public Comments: Ryan addressed the board regarding the new ordinances.

It was moved by Groenendyk second by Wanders to adjourn at 11:06am. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Attest: _____

Madison Garden
Mahaska County Auditor

Mark Groenendyk, Chairman
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisor