

March 16, 2026

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met on the above date at 9:00 a.m. in the third-floor conference room of the Mahaska County Courthouse. Present were Chair, Mark Groenendyk, Vice Chair, Steve Wanders, Member Chuck Webb. Also present were Ashley Tish (Election Deputy), Madison Garden (County Auditor), Russ Van Renterghem (Sheriff), Dorothy Garrison, Shawn Garrison, John Bandstra, Sarah McGriff, Angie Smith, Jody Wolver, Clint O'Day, Lisa Wanders, Micah Van Mersbergen, Andy Alexander, Dave Meinders, Cory Meinders, Leroy Groenendyk, Jeff Wilford, Andrew Ritland, Misty Dawley and Ben Wichhart.

Groenendyk opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance at 9:02 a.m.

Groenendyk requested to modify the agenda to remove public comments from item number 3 and keep them until the end of the meeting. It was moved by Webb, seconded by Wanders to approve the change in the agenda. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public hearing for Recodification of Ordinances was motioned by Webb to open the meeting at 9:05 a.m. seconded by Wanders. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Van Mersbergen approached the Board requesting changes to ordinance 37. Andy Alexander approached the Board regarding right-of-way coding. Dave Meinders approached the Board regarding right-of-way distance and requested change. Leroy Groenendyk approached the Board requesting better verbiage for grandfather clause.

It was moved by Wanders to go back into open session, seconded by Webb. All Ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb to approve the minutes from February 11, February 17, February 25, March 2, March 4 and March 9; seconded by Wanders. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders to approve Class "E" Retail Alcohol License and Retail Tobacco License for Hotel O; seconded by Wanders. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb to approve the agreement between Mahaska County and City of Eddyville for law enforcement; seconded by Wanders. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders to approve the Sheriff's February 2026 financial report; seconded by Webb. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb to approve the payroll change for the I.R.V.M. to bring on seasonal help through December 31, 2026; seconded by Wanders. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb to approve the annual notice of destruction of noxious weeds; seconded by Wanders. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders to approve the FOIA request received; seconded by Webb. All ayes. Motion carried.

M. Groenendyk reviewed all documentation related to Tom Miller's Iowa Attorney General determination letter to Mark Groenendyk after state investigation.

Andrew Ritland and the Board discussed options regarding working with another county for a shared County Attorney.

Webb called for a recess at 10:07 a.m.; meeting was called back to order at 10:12 a.m.

Discussion with Ritland continued for possible shared County Attorney.

Wanders thanked all his supporters for backing him on the Herold article.

Webb stated he would like to get more information about DHS reimbursement before a proper pitch for Annex remodeling.

Groenendyk had an update regarding the Landfill, more to come on this topic.

Public Comments:

Andy Alexander brought to the Board's attention regarding getting rid of elected officials for townships and the Board would oversee appointing people for those positions and their clerks.

Individuals addressed the Board regarding a comment made in the March 4, 2026 Board meeting.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m..

Attest: _____

Ashley Tish
Election Deputy

Mark Groenendyk, Chairman
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisor