

April 20, 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 Ashley Tish (Election Deputy), Andrew McGuire, Micah VanMersbergen, Eric Dursky, Lindsey Thomas, Chris Snyder, Andrew Ritland, Brad Fisher and Ben Johnston.

Groenendyk began the meeting at 9:02 a.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Wanders made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Webb. All aye. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Webb and seconded by Wanders to go into the Public Hearing for Recodification of Ordinances. All aye. Motion carried.

Snyder approached the Board regarding the permit fees for small buildings.

Webb motioned to go into regular session, Wanders seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

Webb motioned to go into public budget hearing, Wanders seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

Van Mersbergen thanked the Board for the work they do with the budget and making it work. Groenendyk discussed levy's county will be sharing with the state.

Webb motioned to go back into open session, Wanders seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Wanders and seconded by Webb to approve minutes from March 24 and April 6 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Webb and seconded by Wanders to approve setting the Budget Amendment Hearing for May 18, 2026 at 9:05 a.m.. All aye. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Webb and seconded by Wanders to approve the Sheriff's Report for March 2026. All aye. Motion carried.

Webb motioned to approve the Renewal of Tobacco License for Dollar General #21310 in New Sharon; Wanders seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Wanders and seconded by Webb to approve the Alcohol License for Your Private Bartender LLC for 5/15/26. All aye. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Webb and seconded by Wanders to approve the Veteran's Affairs 3rd Quarter Activity Report. All aye. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Wanders and seconded by Webb to approve the Opioid Settlement with Six Regional Distributors/Dispenser Defendants. All aye. Motion carried.

Andrew McGuire approached the Board to discuss Secondary Roads 5-year construction program. He walked the Board through all the upcoming projects for the 26/27 fiscal year. Wanders motioned to approve the Secondary Roads 5-year construction plan; seconded by Webb. All aye. Motion carried.

Lindsey Thomas and Eric Dursky approached the Board to discuss the proposal of increasing employee contributions for health and pharmacy by 2.5% to help cover the increase of Admin cost. It was motioned by Webb and seconded by Wanders. All aye. Motion carried.

Brad Fisher with Christner Construction approached the Board to discuss what would be priority on renovating the S 11th building and what wouldn't to try to keep the cost small to do it in sections. Groenendyk asked if Fisher had a rough idea what it would cost to build a whole new building that was similar to a strip mall so each place would have their own door. Fisher stated it would come down to finishes but would be around \$300/sq ft. There will be further discussion on this topic as new information was brought to the table.

Andrew Ritland approached the Board regarding discussing reducing the increase of the County Attorney's Office budget. Ritland stated sharing an attorney with another county was not viable at this point and that he evaluated the fiscal targets of the Board and made a proposal that would reduce hours for one position and would shift operating expenses. Ritland stated if they reduce personnel that it will impact the revenue from the state and impact services.

Webb motioned to approve the payroll changes for Conservation; Wanders seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

Webb motioned to approve the Budget for Fiscal year 26/27; seconded by Wanders. All aye. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Wanders motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m. seconded by Webb. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest:

Ashley Tish
Election Deputy

Mark Groenendyk, Chairman
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisor