

June 01, 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 was Chair supervisor, Mark Groenendyk; Vice Chair, Steve Wanders; Member, Chuck Webb. Also present Kasey Kauffman (Real Estate Deputy), Russ Van Renterghem (Sheriff), Eric Dursky (Sanitarian), Chris Clingan (Conservation Director), Mitch Gibb (Secondary Roads), Andrew Ritland (County Attorney), Morris Wubbels, Landon Wubbels, Mike Fogle, and Andy Alexander by phone.

Groenendyk began the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

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

Public Comments:

Van Renterghem approached the board to announce that the Sheriff's Department received the grant they had applied for to purchase new gear.

It was motioned by Wanders and seconded by Webb to approve the minutes from April 7th, April 20th, April 29th and May 18th. All aye. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Wanders and seconded by Webb to approve setting the date and time of June 9th, 2026, at 9 a.m. to complete the canvass for the June 2026 Primary Election. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Webb and seconded by Wanders to approve the Class C Retail Alcohol License for Your Private Bartender, LLC at the Eddyville Raceway. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Wanders and seconded by Webb to approve the contract renewal with Shred-It. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

The board discussed a request from Jody Wolver at HHS to upgrade the phone system in their office. Wolver requested approval for their office to move from landline phones to Teams Phones, which would result in saving \$5,876/year as well as be more user friendly. It was motioned by Webb and seconded by Wanders to approve the phone system upgrade for HHS. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Wanders and seconded by Webb to use Northland Securities as underwriter for a bond required to complete the SE Connector project. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Webb and seconded by Wanders to approve a contract with J. Chad Professional Training, LLC. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Webb and seconded by Wanders to set a public hearing to potentially sell the Rose Hill Boat Ramp to Mahaska County Conservation per IA state code 331.361 (2) on July 06, 2026 at 9:05 a.m. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Eric Dursky and the board discussed the current 28D contract in place with Marion County. Dursky requested that instead of half of the funds going to the rural basic, he would appreciate half the funds to be placed into a capital improvement fund to help purchase new equipment. It was motioned by Webb and seconded by Wanders to approve the reallocation of funds. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was requested by Secondary Roads to add Jacob Bell to the payroll effective 5/29/26 as well as Chad Koch effective 06/01/2026; both will be joining the team as Equipment Operator/Truck Driver. The Sheriff's Department requested removal of Renee Simpson from the payroll effective 05/22/2026 after 30 years of service and requested Chelsea Johnson's position be updated to Civil Supervisor effective 05/25/2026. It was motioned by Webb and seconded by Wanders to approve all the requested payroll changes. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion centered around potentially setting up a moratorium for unincorporated areas of the county regarding the construction of data centers and use of "flock" cameras. Van Renterghem approached the board to clarify these cameras are called "license plate readers", "flock" is a specific brand for these cameras. He voiced his support of the use of these cameras and cited several cases in nearby counties where they use this technology, and it has helped to solve many cases. Discussion moved on to Data Center construction and the common concerns of what effect these could potentially have on our county. It was motioned by Webb and seconded by Wanders to adopt a resolution for a moratorium and create a board to investigate the impacts these data centers would have and appoint Chuck Webb, Eric Dursky, John Bandstra, Ronda Almond, Micah VanMersbergen, Randy Pleima and Andy Alexander to this board. All present voted aye. Motion carried. No action was taken on cameras.

It was motioned by Webb and seconded by Wanders to approve the Master Service Agreement between Mahaska County and Iowa Counties Technology Services following the completion of our IT audit. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public comments:

None.

It was motioned by Wanders and seconded by Webb to adjourn the meeting at 10:07a.m. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Attest:	_____	_____
	Kasey Kauffman	Mark Groenendyk, Chairman
	Real Estate Deputy	Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisor