

June 15, 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 Vice Chair, Steve Wanders, Member Chuck Webb. Also present Ashley Tish (Election Deputy), Lorn Heyne, Allen Van De Krol, Marianne Heyne, Janet Lacey, Jana Bandstra, Arvin De Boef, Mike Linder, Landon Wubbels, Zach Kauffman, Lori Haworth, Jared Dears, Robert Spoelstra, Micah Van Mersbregen, Mitch Gibb, Lindsey Thomas and Andy Alexander by phone.

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

Wanders made a motion to approve the agenda, with the removal of item 12; seconded by Webb. All aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Terri Hayworth – New Life Fellowship Church – approached the Board regarding the tax that is to be collected on the church.

Jana Bandstra – reading for Kristi – New Life Fellowship Church -approached the Board regarding the tax that is to be collected on the church. To appeal the tax that is to be collected.

Marianne Heyne – New Life Fellowship Church - approached the Board regarding the tax that is to be collected on the church

Jared Dears – approached the Board regarding an inaccurate legal report, brought video for evidence. Wanting to know how reports can be made without fact.

Micah Van Mersbergen – approached the Board with the regard in support of what the churches are asking for. Stated he would like to ask that the rewriting of Ordinance 37 be delayed until they are able to get better idea of fines that could be applied.

It was motioned by Webb and seconded by Wanders to approve the claims for May 2026. All aye. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Wanders and seconded by Webb to approve the May 2026 Sheriff's Treasurer Report. All Aye. Motion carried.

Arvin De Boef with Assembly of God Church and Lorne Heyne with New Life Fellowship Church addressed the Board regarding the refund of the tax money paid by the churches.

Andrew Ritland and Lindsey Thomas also addressed the Board regarding the legal side as well as what steps were taken by the Assessor to try to find further remedies.

Groenendyk motioned to refund the money that was paid by the churches, Webb seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Webb and seconded by Wanders to approve the renewal of the tobacco license for Hotel O. All aye. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Wanders and seconded by Webb to approve the Fireworks permit for the display on June 27 at Eddyville Raceway. All aye. Motion carried.

Andrew Ritland and Lindsey Thomas approached the Board regarding the rewriting of Ordinance 37.

Consensus of the Board is to have a work session to discuss.

It was motioned by Wanders and seconded by Webb to approve the renewal of the agreement with Nyhart. All aye. Motion carried.

It was agreed on by the Board to table the ISAC Technology Service Bureau Services agreement.

It was motioned by Webb and seconded by Wanders to approve the re-appointment of Joe Durian and Julie Wells to the VA Commission effective July 1, 2026 through June 1, 2029. All aye. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Webb and seconded by Wanders to approve the installation of the new drainpipe on the S 11th building. All Aye. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Webb and seconded by Wanders to approve the payroll changes for Conservation adding Ethan Zieglowsky effective June 15, 2026; Secondary Roads removing Mike Taylor effective June 5, 2026; and the Auditor's Office removing Danay Garcia effective June 8, 2026. All aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Mike Linder, the pastor of Engage Church in New Sharon, approached the Board to ask if the motion today would cover them for the current tax year or not.

It was motioned by Webb and seconded by Wanders to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

Attest:

Ashley Tish
Election Deputy

Mark Groenendyk, Chairman
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisor