

February 1, 2016

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 ó Henry VanWeelden; Vice chairman ó Mike Vander Molen; Member ó Mark Doland. Also present were Jason Madison, Eduardo Zamarripa, CRI; Ken Allsup, Osky News; Emory Songer, KBOE; Angie Holland, Osky Herald; Dave Shanahan, County Engineer; Dave Sedivec, Conservation Director; Darin Hite, IT Coordinator; Joe Durian, Ted Smith, Fred Bridges, VA Commissioners; Jennifer Huston; Detra Dettmann, Pathfinders RC&D; Bradley Reiman, Bearance Management; Steve Wanders; David Phelps; Andrew Jensen; Linda Crookham-Hansen; Beth Danowsky; Michael Schrock; Mark Groenendyk, Brent Stam; Henry Van Roekel; Sharon Falck; Alven Meppelink; Tim Franje; Russ Fynaardt; Wayland Whitis; Lawrence Roose; Mike Johnson; Dale Fynaardt and Susan Brown, Mahaska County Auditor.

This meeting was filmed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University.

Chairman VanWeelden opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with a moment of silence.

It was moved by Vander Molen seconded by VanWeelden to approve the agenda for today's meeting as posted. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Vander Molen seconded by Doland to approve minutes from January 18th and 27th meetings. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Vander Molen seconded by Doland to approve bills for January totaling \$631,118.36. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Vander Molen seconded by Doland to set FY17 budget hearing date for March 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Brad Reiman, Bearance Management Group, presented the six month review of the Mahaska County Employee Health Plan. He also provided information on an Employee Assistance Program and on Cafeteria plans.

Detra Dettmann, executive director for Pathfinders RC&D gave the board an update on the group's projects. They had requested funding from Mahaska County's FY17 budget at the same level as last year.

Supervisor Doland presented proposals from Mahaska Health Partnership for an Employee Assistance Program. It was moved by Doland seconded by Vander Molen to explore proposal #1 further. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Vander Molen seconded by Doland to approve FMLA Administrative Services Agreement with Kabel Business Services effective January 1, 2016. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Doland to approve recommendation of Veterans Affairs Commission and add to payroll Jennifer Huston as full time Mahaska County Veterans Affairs Administrator at a salary of \$34,000/year plus benefits effective February 5, 2016. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Engineer Shanahan updated board on acquiring cell phones and GPS capabilities following termination of the current AVL system at Secondary Road. Quotes from vendors will be available by next meeting.

It was moved by Doland seconded by VanWeelden to approve the following resolution. VanWeelden ó aye. Vander Molen ó nay. Doland ó aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-06

RESOLUTION REQUESTING SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF THE IMPOSITION OF A LOCAL SALES AND SERVICES TAX TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE INCORPORATED AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF MAHASKA COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Chapter 423B of the Iowa Code provides for the imposition of certain local option taxes, including a local sales and services tax; and

WHEREAS, the Code provides that the question of the imposition of a local sales and services tax shall be submitted to the registered voters of the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county upon receipt by the county commissioner of elections of the motion or motions, requesting such submission, adopted by the governing body or bodies of the city or cities within the county representing at least one-half the population of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors of Mahaska County, Iowa are the governing body of the citizens who lie in the unincorporated area of Mahaska County; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the need for the Recreation and Early Childhood Education Project and in furtherance of the County's commitment to the health and welfare of Mahaska County; and,

WHEREAS, in recognition of the need for the Environment Learning Center and in furtherance of the County's commitment to the environment and education of Mahaska County; and,

WHEREAS, adequate funding for the construction and maintenance of public road infrastructure is essential to creating and maintaining a strong economy; and,

WHEREAS, the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors find it to be in the best interests of Mahaska County for the voters to be asked whether a one percent (1%) sales and services tax

should be imposed for a period of twenty (20) years and used as set forth in the ballot proposition stated below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MAHASKA COUNTY, IOWA, as follows:

1. The following ballot proposition language for the proposed imposition of a local sales and services tax is approved:

SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED? Yes

No

Summary: To authorize imposition of a local sales and services tax in the unincorporated area of Mahaska County at the rate of one percent (1%) to be effective from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2036.

Revenues from the sales and services tax are to be allocated as follows:

FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF MAHASKA COUNTY:

40% for construction of a Recreation and Early Childhood Education facility in the City of Oskaloosa until all project debt obligations are met. Any surplus funds shall be used for maintenance, construction or repair of the County secondary road system and associated infrastructure;

40% for maintenance, construction or repair of the County secondary road system and associated infrastructure;

20% for construction of an Environmental Learning Center until all project debt obligations are met. Any surplus funds shall be used for maintenance, construction or repair of the County secondary road system and associated infrastructure.

0% for property tax relief.

In the event the Recreation and Early Childhood Education local option sales tax is not approved by the voters of the City of Oskaloosa, the specific purposes for which revenues shall otherwise be expended are: maintenance, construction or repair of the County secondary road system and associated infrastructure.

2. The Mahaska County Commissioner of Elections is hereby requested and authorized to place said ballot proposition language on the ballot for a special election to be held on the date of the special election on May 3, 2016.
3. It is hereby requested by the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors to direct that the ballot contain a provision for the repeal, without election, of the local sales and service tax on December 31, 2036.
4. The Mahaska County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to promptly provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Mahaska County Commissioner of Elections and to notify the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors of the adoption of this resolution.

Passed and approved this 1st day of February, 2016.

Hiring of bonding counsel was tabled.

Public comments: Several citizens asked the board to make road maintenance and updates a high priority for the county and the board was cautioned to keep the process in planning for funding and structure of possible LOST projects open and transparent for their constituents.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Doland to adjourn. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Attest: _____

Susan L. Brown
Mahaska County Auditor

Henry VanWeelden
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors