

September 29, 2020

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met in special session on the above date at 10:00 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the Mahaska County courthouse. Present were the following board members: Chairman – Mark Groenendyk; Vice chairman – Steve Wanders. Also present in person were Darin Hite, IT; Russ Van Renterghem, Sheriff; and Susan Brown, Auditor. Participating by phone were Emily Hawk, Oskaloosa Herald.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to approve the agenda. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: No

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to approve and authorize signature on agreement with Allender Butzke Engineers Inc. for professional services to do three addition test borings at tower site. Estimate to be \$8,000-\$12,000. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(c). All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to return to open session at 10:57 a.m. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Board met with outside counsel and county attorney to review options in suit brought by cities. Drop claims and go to jury trial/get it to Supreme Court on appeal. Would like to see final issues get addressed. People need voice in their own government. Would hope to have answer in summer 2021. It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to drop counter-claim and get this on appeal for final answer. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Lisa Ossian asked for clarification on final answer into summer of 2021. Supervisor Groenendyk gave an update on progress with the US 63 – IA 23 Local Connector.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to adjourn. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Attest: _____
Susan L. Brown
Mahaska Co Auditor

Mark Groenendyk
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors