

January 17, 2022

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 – Mark Groenendyk; Vice chairman – Steve Wanders; and Member – Chuck Webb. Also present were Russ Van Renterghem, Sheriff; Darin Hite, IT; John Bandstra; Andy McGuire, Engineer; Tom Flaherty, Econ Dir; Andrew Ritland, Attorney; and Susan Brown, Auditor. Roger Shindell; Stephanie Lathrop, of Carosh attended by telephone. This meeting was live streamed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University. Meeting was opened with a moment of silence.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the agenda for today's meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public comments: None

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve minutes of January 3. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to accept 2nd qtr reports from Sheriff, Recorder, Veterans Affairs and semi-annual report from treasurer. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Roger Shindell and Stephanie Lathrop presented the quarterly review of HIPAA compliance for the county. Completion of training is going well. A new support tool is available on the website. The county HIPAA committee meets tomorrow afternoon.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve appointment of the following county deputy medical examiners: Dr. Chris Martin; Dr. Chad Torstenson, Dr. Trin Le and the following county medical examiner investigators: Michael Forschler, Paramedic; Sebrina Martin, Paramedic; Michelle Cooper, Advanced EMT as recommended by Mahaska County Medical Examiner Kym Life. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve 12- month Class C Liquor License application from Debbie's Celebration Barn effective January 1, 2022. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to appoint John Bandstra to Pioneer Cemetery Commission for a three-year term ending December 31, 2024. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the following resolution. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-03

**APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A STATE OF IOWA
REVITALIZE IOWA'S SOUND ECONOMY GRANT FOR THE US 63 - IA 23
CONNECTOR PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa made available \$18 million for promoting economic development through the construction or improvement of roads and streets; and,

WHEREAS, the RISE Grant program has funding for local development projects related to economic developments such as Certified Sites and industrial parks; and,

WHEREAS, the US 63 - IA 23 CONNECTOR PROJECT is a surface transportation project that satisfies many of the selection criteria identified in the grant, including: development potential, economic impact, local commitment and initiative, and area economic need; and,

WHEREAS, this construction project is a continuation of the planning studies that have resulted in the construction of the existing SW US HWY 163 bypass and the currently under design NW US HWY 163 bypass; and

WHEREAS, Mahaska County, in partnership with the City of Oskaloosa, and Mahaska Chamber & Development Group are preparing a RISE grant application to build the US 63 - IA 23 Connector project; and,

WHEREAS, the total project cost is estimated to be \$9,177,856, with the RISE grant application amount of \$5,965,606; and,

WHEREAS, Mahaska County and the City of Oskaloosa have agreed to equally (50/50) share the local match of approximately \$3,212,250; and,

WHEREAS, the actual project cost and the Mahaska County and City of Oskaloosa cost share would be determined upon project letting; and,

WHEREAS, the County Engineer recommends that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the US 63 - IA 23 Connector project for the State of Iowa Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy, also known as RISE grant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR MAHASKA COUNTY that the Board Chair or his designee is authorized to submit the above-described grant application in the amount \$5,965,606 on behalf of Mahaska County to the State of Iowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MAHASKA COUNTY that the Board Chair and County Auditor are hereby authorized and directed to execute said application and required certifications for and on behalf of Mahaska County.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the following resolution. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution #2022-07

WHEREAS, the maximum allowable federal mileage rate as determined by the Internal Revenue Service is adjusted annually and,

WHEREAS, it would be in the best public interest for the Mahaska County Sheriff's Office to charge the maximum allowable federal mileage rate for county owned vehicles,

WHEREAS, the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors is authorized under Iowa Code Section 70A.9 to set the mileage rate the Sheriff may charge under Section 331,655(1)(j) in an amount not to exceed the maximum allowable under Federal Internal Revenue Service Rules per mile,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors, that this date met in lawful session, that the Mahaska County Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to charge the maximum allowable federal mileage rate for county owned vehicles as annually determined by the Internal Revenue Service. (58.5 cents a mile) Dated at Mahaska County, Iowa this 17th day of January, 2022.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve and authorize signature on agreement with City of Pella for part of city that is in Mahaska County as follows: County Precinct Two shall be comprised of the incorporated and unincorporated population of 1627 persons who are residents of Black Oak Township, Richland Township, and Scott Township in the County and the incorporated population of 5 persons who are residents of the city lying within Mahaska County as shown in attached Exhibit 1. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to give county attorney authority to file litigation if final payment from RPK3 per agreement made on August 16, 2021 is not received by January 31, 2022. Funds were due to county by October 30, 2021. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

HR discussion was tabled to a future meeting. A work session will be planned with current county consultant.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to go into closed session per Iowa Code section 20.17(3). 9:25 a.m. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to return to open session. 10:52 a.m. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: None

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

Attest: _____
Susan L. Brown
Mahaska Co. Auditor

Mark Groenendyk
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisors