

**November 7, 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 Joshua Essary; John Bandstra; Lindsey Thomas, Co. Assessor; Ben Hoskinson, IRVM Director; Lorraine Sinnott; Connie Van Polen, Co. Treasurer; Channing Rucks, Oskaloosa Herald; Troy Bemis, Maintenance Director; Russ Van Renterghem, Co. Sheriff; Tom Flaherty, Economic Development Director; and County Auditor Jody Van Patten. This meeting was live streamed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University.

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 Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the request of Josh Essary for a property tax refund for a building that assessed to his parcel 05-21-300-008 that he doesn't own in the amount of \$928.56. Per Mr. Essary's request a certificate of adjustment will be acceptable to correct the error. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Iowa Department of Transportation and Mahaska County for issuance of driver's license. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the Ia DOT predesign agreement for project number NHSX-063-3(93)—3H-62. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the contract from Shive Hattery to rework blueprints for the HVAC system in the Courthouse. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the recommendations of the Wellness Committee. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the recommendations of the Insurance Committee to add an FSA plan as a county benefit to all full-time employees should they choose to enroll, frontloaded with the maximum amount allowed by the IRS. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Groenendyk to approve the recommendations of the Insurance Committee to allow an employee's spouses open enrollment period to be a qualifying event to add or remove coverage for County Insurance. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve Resolution 2022-28. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-28

WHEREAS Mahaska County and the City of Oskaloosa both share a goal to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of local government, and

WHEREAS, The current fiscal environment for both the city and county is dire, and

WHEREAS, Mahaska County recognizes the need to search for efficient solutions while providing and maintaining the quality and expertise necessary to support these mission critical services, and

WHEREAS, The City of Oskaloosa intends to enter into a professional services agreement for a E911 and Emergency Services operations needs assessment, and

WHEREAS, Resource Management Associates Inc. consulting is to perform an organizational assessment, recommend operational efficiencies, and research and recommend service cost allocation formula based on best practices, and

WHEREAS, it is in the county's best interest that a third party provide these services and such services will be of mutual benefit to both Mahaska County and City of Oskaloosa,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Mahaska County as follows:

Mahaska County shall pay the City of Oskaloosa the amount of \$18,483 which reflects half the cost of consulting services provided by Resource Management Associates Inc.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 7th day of November 2022.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Jody Van Patten, Auditor

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Mark Groenendyk, Chair Board of Supervisors

It was moved by Webb seconded by Groenendyk to approve working with the City of Oskaloosa regarding a safety plan of the Courthouse. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Sheriff Van Renterghem discussed with the board equipment needs.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to remove Amy Molyneux from the Recorder's office effective December 2, 2022, and to add Jody Van Patten as fulltime clerk effective November 16, 2022, at \$21.00 per hour. On December 5, 2022, Jody Van Patten will then move to Deputy Recorder at 80% of the Recorder's salary (\$52,088.00) and also add Tracey Ver Steegh to the Mahaska County payroll as a fulltime clerk in the Recorder's office effective

December 5, 2022, at \$21.00 per hour and then on January 1, 2023 Tracey then would move to Deputy Recorder at 80% of the Recorder's salary (\$52,088.00), remove Jordan Vander Schel from the Sheriff's office payroll effective October 23, 2022, remove Tricia McElderry from the Sheriff's payroll effective November 13, 2022, move part time jailer Michele Floen to fulltime status effective November 29, 2022 at a salary of \$41,016.00, and add James Cushwa as a new employee to the Secondary Road payroll as Maintenance & Equipment Operator at \$25.52 per hour. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the bills for October totaling \$1,271,987.24. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the minutes of October 17. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report for the 23fy for Veteran's Affairs. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the 2022 Weed Commissioners report. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to disallow the family farm application for parcel numbers 06-27-100-002, 06-27-100-003, 06-27-100-006, and 06-27-100-008 as the partnership that is actively farming does not have 51% ownership of the leased land. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Jody Van Patten  
Mahaska County Auditor

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Mark Groenendyk  
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors