

May 4, 2023

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met on the above date at 12:15 p.m. in the third-floor conference room of the Mahaska County courthouse. Present were the following board members: Vice Chairman – Steve Wanders and Member – Chuck Webb. Also present were Darin Hite, IT; Tom Flaherty, Economic Development; Andrew Ritland, County Attorney; Channing Rucks, Oskaloosa Herald; Ken Allsup, Osky News; Harold Fynaardt, Nick Ryan, Curtis Van Der Hart, Howard Westercamp, Lee Grubb and Teri Rogers, County Auditor.

Vice-Chairman Wanders called the meeting to order.

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

Public comments:

- ✚ Nick Ryan addressed the board regarding the 80/20 annexation petition and read an objection letter from Jack Rempe. Nick echoed Jack’s opposition to the city’s plan to annex 220th St.
- ✚ Howard Westercamp addressed the board and stated his opposition to the annexation.
- ✚ Attorney Ritland provided commentary from a legal perspective on this topic.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to table the 80/20 annexation petition due to the City of Oskaloosa having an emergency City Council meeting this evening regarding this topic and the absence of Chairman Groenendyk at today’s meeting. Due to the urgency of this topic, another special Board meeting will be scheduled for Monday, May 8 at 8:30 am. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to set the time and date for a public hearing for proposed budget amendments for the County budget for FY 22/23 for Monday, May 22 at 9:00 a.m. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Gurjeet Cheema, owner of Oskaloosa Motel, LLC, addressed the board via telephone regarding his plans to open Highway Liquors and Tobacco in the front lobby of his hotel. Approval for the 12-month Class E Alcohol License was tabled until further review since this is a new business.

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

Attest: _____
Teri Rogers
Mahaska County Auditor

Mark Groenendyk
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors