

June 19, 2023

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 Darin Hite, IT; Tom Flaherty, Economic Development Director; Andrew Ritland, County Attorney; Chris Clingan, Conservation Director; Nicole Craig, Micah Van Mersbergen and Teri Rogers, County Auditor. This meeting was live streamed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University.

Chairman Groenendyk opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the agenda for today's meeting with two changes. Change order of items under item #5 and strike #12 from the agenda. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public comments:

- ✚ Micah Van Mersbergen thanked the Board for considering the wind turbine ordinance and encouraged them to continue getting it put into place. He has many signatures for an outright moratorium.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve minutes of June 5, June 8 and June 12. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the bills for May in the amount of \$1,761,987.75. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Carosh Compliance Solutions provided their quarterly review. Our completion rate is 80.9%. They will be changing their platform in the new future so it will have a new look. It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to give Carosh authority to email department heads as needed with a list of employees in their department who have not yet completed the required training modules and to approve the annual renewal for Carosh Compliance Solutions for \$12,159. The renewal date is July 1, 2023, and the current service is "HIPAA Select". All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the Iowa Retail Permit Application for Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor for Oskaloosa Motel, LLC dba Highway Liquors & Tobacco. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the application for fireworks display permit for the City of Leighton / Fourth of July Committee. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Chris Clingan, Conservation Director, provided the Supervisors with an update on all things Conservation related.

- ✚ Board chair Willie Van Weelden passed away; a replacement is needed.
- ✚ The mammoth replica has been assembled and an Open House has been planned for Tuesday, June 27th from 4 pm – 8 pm.
- ✚ Nicole Craig is an extern through the Iowa Stem Council and she is working on the Sand Prairie, restoring turtle habitat.
- ✚ Debbie Stevens is coordinating Americorps program for Willian Penn and we are going to partner with them.
- ✚ Plans are moving forward for a natural playscape and amphitheater area in the open area to the west of the ELC building. Future plans for a Mammoth 5K run is a possibility.
- ✚ The campgrounds are busy and there are no incidents to report.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the bid for Certified Pest Control in the amount of \$125/month to fumigate the three tower sites. The monthly breakdown is as follows: New Sharon - \$45; Eddyville - \$45; Beacon - \$35. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to appoint Dr. Dave Frederickson and Dr. Matt Gritters as the two new Deputy County Medical Examiners. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The County Auditors would like to see the account for the Emergency Services Communication Equipment be closed by the end of the current fiscal year. After all claims are paid and interest earned applied to the account, the remaining dollars will be transferred to the Debt Service fund. It was moved by Wanders, seconded by Webb to finalize this item. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the payroll changes for the Treasurer's office. Due to the retirement of Connie Van Polen, the newly appointed County Treasurer has made some adjustments to the pay scale for employees in the tax, auto and driver's license office. Her requests are equal to the total payroll budget that has been approved by the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors. Following are the names of the employees and the percentage of the Treasurer's salary that each will receive effective June 26th, 2023. Tracey Gilliland - 85%, Jenna Ford – 69%, Carrie Bowie – 70%, Emily Scholtus – 80%, Suzy Richards – 75%, Jonathon Angove – 71%, new hire – 68%. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- ✚ Member Webb reported that the HVAC system on second floor is not working. Troy Bemis is consulting with Cunningham and Shive Hattery for a possible solution whereby the system for second floor can be replaced and an add-on system used for the other floors in the future.
- ✚ Member Webb also reported that the Windmill Ordinance will be placed on the next regularly scheduled Board agenda.

🚦 Vice-Chair Wanders reported that he will no longer be serving on two boards as they have been taken over by the State. The two boards are the Eighth Judicial District and South-Central Behavioral Health. This item will be placed on the next Board agenda.

Public Comments: None

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

Attest: _____

Teri Rogers
Mahaska County Auditor

Mark Groenendyk
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisors