

**July 17, 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 Tom Flaherty, Economic Development Director; Andrew Ritland, County Attorney; Troy Bemis, Courthouse Maintenance Director; Carter Brehm and Ed Goemat, Secondary Roads; Chris Clingan, Conservation Director; Nicole Craig and Aubrey Brown, Conservation Interns; Lindsey Thomas, County Assessor; Channing Rucks, Oskaloosa Herald; Mike Jensen, Shive-Hattery HVAC Consultant; Darrell and Rachel Buchanan, 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 Wanders seconded by Webb to approve today's agenda with item #5 removed from agenda. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- ✚ Micah Van Mersbergen addressed the board with an update on what Woodbury County has done. They adopted their ordinance with two modifications. They updated the setback from the city limits from 600' to 2 miles and changed the setback from Conservation-protected areas from 600' to 1 mile. They are also in the process of adopting a resolution that states their perspective on energy development in the county.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the correction to the June 19 minutes. Suzy Richards salary will be 74% of the Treasurer's salary, not 75% as previously reported. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the minutes of July 3 and July 12. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to accept 4th quarter, semi-annual and annual reports for the Auditor, the Recorder, the Sheriff, Veterans Affairs and the Treasurer. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve multiple payroll changes for the Auditor's office and one change for the Treasurer's office. Nicole Buffington resigned from her position as Deputy Auditor – Payroll effective June 27, 2023. Sarah Hol will be removed from the Auditor's office payroll effective July 21, 2023, and added to the payroll in the Treasurer's office. Her salary will be \$44,893.60 effective July 24, 2023. This is to facilitate a smooth transition from one office to the other for tax season. There will be two new employees coming into the Auditor's office. Terri Day has accepted the offer for the Deputy Auditor – Payroll position and her effective date will be July 17, 2023, with a starting salary of \$47,159. Tamra

Steele has accepted the offer for the Real Estate Deputy position and her effective date will be July 24, 2023, with a starting salary of \$40,422. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the following salaries for fiscal year 2023-2024 as set and approved in the adoption of the county budget for 2023-2024 on March 28, 2023. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Elected Officials: Attorney-\$108,650; Auditor-\$67,370; Recorder-\$65,110; Sheriff-\$90,820; Supervisors-\$36,180; Treasurer-\$66,020; Attorney's Office –Assistant County Attorney- Cami Eslick -\$67,146; Trevor Rubenzer -\$60,432; Terri Menninga-\$33.95/hour-part time; Administrative Assistant- Jeannette Newendorp-\$59,339; Administrative Assistant-Melissa Brand-\$44,000; Auditor's deputies-Terri Day-70% of the auditor's salary; Tamra Steel-60% of the auditor's salary; Elections Administration-Michelle Kent-72% of the auditor's salary; Precinct Election Officials-\$12.50 per hour; Recorder's deputy-Tracey Ver Steegh-80% of the recorder's salary; Sheriff's Office-Civil Clerk- Renee Simpson-\$57,091; Civil Clerks-Chelsey Johnson-\$36,582; Brandi Brown-\$39,828; Reserve Officer-Brian Jacobson-\$14.00 per hour; Reserve Officer Transporters-\$12.00 per hour; Sheriff's Deputies-Scott Miller-\$77,197; Matt McCain-\$68,912; Jesse Sanders-\$68,912; James Arment-\$64,464; Ben Johnston-\$68,912; David Wilke-\$68,912; Brandon Husmann-\$57,823; Joey Goemaat-\$60,060; Gary McClun-\$64,464; Adult Corrections-Jail Administrator-Talisa Voss-\$58,357; Jailers-Sr. Jailer-Robert Draughn Jr.-\$51,548; Sr. Jailer-Tara Stek-\$48,776; Angela Fenton-\$41,016; Kyle Heginger-\$44,342; Jennifer Stoneberg-\$46,594; Crystal Malloy-\$44,342; Khandi Tucker-\$44,342; Michele Floen-\$41,016; Megan Balmer-\$41,016; Tannin Covert-\$41,016; Jordan Redlinger-\$14.00/hour-part time; Treasurer's deputies-Treasurer Management Dept.- Emily Scholtus-80% of the Treasurer's salary; Sarah Hol-68% of the Treasurer's salary; Motor Vehicle License Dept.-Tracey Gilliland-85% of the Treasurer's salary; Kristyne Ford-69% of the Treasurer's salary; Carrie Bowie-70% of the Treasurer's salary; Driver's License Dept.-Suzy Richards-74% of the Treasurer's salary; Jonathon Angove-71% of the Treasurer's salary; Information Technology-Darin Hite-\$63,896; GIS Coordinator- Brian Knudtson-\$57,867; Economic Development Director-Tom Flaherty-\$105,575; Veterans Affairs Director-Curt Grandia-\$47,133; Commission Board members-Joe Durian-\$585; Ted Smith-\$585; Julie Wells-\$585; Kurt Kollasch-\$585; Darrin Alderson-\$585; Conservation Department-Conservation Director-Chris Clingan-\$68,000; Administrative Assistant- Dorothy Wedgewood-\$44,982; Naturalist-Laura DeCook-\$52,938; Park Ranger-Jason Ryan-\$52,706; Park Ranger-Tommy VanRenterghem-\$54,997; Maintenance-Mike Ryan-\$15.00 per hour; Summer Conservation Tech-Charles Figy-\$15 per hour; ELC Attendant-Kaylynn Sieber-\$15 per hour; Building Maintenance Department-Maintenance Director-Troy Bemis-\$24.72 per hour (40% law center and 60% courthouse); Law Center Custodian-Jack Griffis-part-time-\$15.75 per hour; Courthouse Custodian-Janine Hol-\$15.75 per hour; ADA Coordinator-Troy Bemis-\$500; Safety Coordinator-Troy Bemis-\$1,200; Environmental Services-Sanitarian-Eric Dursky-\$58,785; General Relief Director PT-Kim Newendorp-\$20,000; CDS- Director-Heather Gross-\$64,897; Roadside Vegetation Management-Roadside Vegetation Manager-Benjamin Hoskinson-\$56,621; Roadside Assistant-Barb VanPatten-\$17.33 per hour part-time; Engineer Office-County Engineer-Andrew McGuire-\$85,456.80; Assistant Engineer-Carter Brehm -\$31.25 per hour; Assistant to the Engineer-Michael Rodwell-\$33.53 per hour; Office Manager-Emily Hefner-\$26.00 per hour; Secondary Road Department-Road Maintenance Supervisor-Ed Goemaat-\$31.91 per hour; Trevor Parton-Working Foreman-\$28.56 per hour;

Excavator Operators-Cody Padgett-\$26.50 per hour; Shawn Ridenour-\$26.50 per hour; Maintenance Equipment Operators-Chad Bru-\$26.27 per hour; James Cushwa-\$26.27 per hour; Russ Darland-\$26.27 per hour; Roger Prins-\$26.27 per hour; Tyler DeRooi-\$26.27 per hour; James McCrea-\$26.27 per hour; Ethan Wanders-\$26.50 per hour; Janitor-Jody Eveland-\$17.00 per hour; Truck Driver-Bill Swink, Jr.-\$25.95 per hour; Travis Johnston-\$26.27; David Malloy-\$26.27 per hour; Mechanic Level I-Gary Rust-\$28.07 per hour; Jacob Grootveld-\$28.07 per hour; Blade Operators-Andrew Padgett-\$26.50 per hour; Scott Gilliland-\$26.50 per hour; Jacob Bell-\$26.50 per hour; Mike Taylor-\$26.50 per hour; Bryan Weber-\$26.50 per hour; Shawn Schippers-\$26.50 per hour; Brad VanderLinden-\$26.50 per hour; Aaron Patterson-\$26.50 per hour; Andrew Rust-\$26.50 per hour; Engineering Technician IV-Reid Stevens-\$28.56 per hour; Mitchell Gibb-\$28.56 per hour; Sign Manager-Scott VanGilst-\$26.50 per hour.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to set date of public hearing for FY23/24 budget amendment to maintain our server for Monday, Aug. 7, 2023, at 9:00 am. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to set the date and time for a public hearing for the wind turbine ordinance and for correcting language on existing ordinance #32 for Monday, Aug. 7, 2023, at 9:00 am. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the contract between Mahaska County and Central Iowa Tourism for an annual allocation of funds in the amount of \$600. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to acknowledge receipt of the expenses for the period of Jan-Jun 2023 from the Grant Senior Center. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve Shive-Hattery's recommendation for a cooling/heating system for the Courthouse and putting the project out to bid. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Continued discussion regarding the proposal by Darrell and Rachel Buchanan to rent the county owned railroad right-of-way. By consensus, the Board tabled this item. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the reappointment of Joe Durian and Julie Wells to the Mahaska County Veterans Affairs Commission with terms ending June 30, 2026. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve Rollin Oldies group use of the courthouse parking lot on Saturday, July 22, 2023. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Chris Clingan, Conservation Director, appeared before the Board to discuss the Conservation Board Member recruitment process. The Board is fine with the Conservation Board making recommendations and reviewing applications. The Board would like to see all the applications before making an appointment. The Board is considering appointing one of the three Supervisors to the Conservation Board.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the letter of support (once drafted) for the McQuiston Trust to assist with funding the Natural Playscape to the west of the Environmental Learning Center. Chris Clingan presented the board with a concept plan of the area. Additional funds to come from the Friends group. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the letter of support for the McQuiston Trust to assist with funding the water fountain proposal for the Edmundson Park pond. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the final plans for project number BRS-CO62(103)-60-62 (bridge replacement over the North Skunk River on G29). The project will move to the contract letting process. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve changing the date of the next regularly scheduled board meeting from Monday, August 21 to Friday, August 18.

Committee Reports: None

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

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Mark Groenendyk  
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors