

February 5, 2024

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; Troy Bemis, Maintenance Director; Chris Clingan, Conservation Director; Eric Dursky, Sanitarian; Shauna Hol, Treasurer; Ben Hoskinson, IRVM; Andrew Ritland, Attorney; Lindsey Thomas, Assessor; Russ Van Renterghem, Sheriff; Nick Hageman, Two Rivers; Paul Greufe, PJ Greufe & Associates; John Bandstra, Tracy Gathman, Patti Sines, Channing Rucks, Oskaloosa Herald and Teri Rogers, Auditor. This meeting was live streamed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University.

Chairman Groenendyk opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the agenda as changed for today's meeting. Motion to strike agenda item #10. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public comments: None

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve minutes for Jan 15 and Jan 18. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Groenendyk to approve the minutes from the budget work sessions for Jan 11, Jan 12, Jan 16, Jan 17, Jan 26, and Jan 31. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the following resolution providing financial support for the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 2024-04

Resolution Providing for the Financial Support of the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission.

WHEREAS, Chapters 28E and 473A of the State Code of Iowa, as amended, authorized the governing bodies of governmental units to cooperate in the operation of a regional planning commission; and

WHEREAS, by the Articles of Agreement, signed on August 15, 1973, as amended, the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission did become the authorized planning agency for Service Delivery Area 15; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of Mahaska County is a part of the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission and has agreed to contribute \$.53 per capita, for a total amount equal to

\$5,725.97, to cover financial operating costs of the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that **Mahaska County**, IA has designated:

Mark Groenendyk Official Representative

Steve Wanders Alternate

to serve on the Area 15 Regional Planning Board of Directors.

Agreed to this 5th day of February 2024.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the following resolution providing financial support of the Regional Planning Affiliation (RPA 15). All present voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-05

Resolution Providing for the Financial Support of the Regional Planning Affiliation (RPA 15).

WHEREAS, the state of Iowa has designated the counties of Jefferson, Keokuk, Mahaska, Van Buren, Wapello along with the cities of Fairfield, Oskaloosa and Ottumwa as the Regional Planning Affiliation for Region 15 (RPA 15), and;

WHEREAS, RPA 15 Articles of Agreement, signed on December 22, 1994, and amended on January 23, 2014 designate the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission (Area 15 RPC) as the Regional Planning Affiliation for Region 15; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) requires each RPA to provide transportation planning to member jurisdictions prior to receiving Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding from the Iowa Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, RPA 15 expects to receive and program an estimated \$2,899,002 in federal highway transportation grant funds for FY25 to be used for road improvements in RPA 15, of which Mahaska County's estimated share is \$365,935; and

WHEREAS, the IDOT requires Area 15 RPC to provide twenty percent (20%) local match toward the annual IDOT planning grant; and the FY25 local match requirement is an estimated \$27,556 and shall be proportionally shared by the member jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, the governing body of Mahaska County is a member of RPA 15 and whose apportioned share of FY25 local match equals \$3,478.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that **Mahaska County** has agreed to contribute \$3,478 to the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission to serve as FY25 local match. Agreed to this 5th day of February 2024.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the following resolution providing financial support of the Regional Housing Trust Fund (RHTF). All present voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 2024-06
Resolution of Financial Commitment

WHEREAS, Mahaska County, Iowa is a participating jurisdiction in the AHEAD Regional Housing Trust Fund (RHTF); and

WHEREAS, the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors supports the programs and services of the AHEAD RHTF.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to support the on-going efforts of the AHEAD RHTF Mahaska County, Iowa has fully committed a base contribution of \$ 4,438.00 plus an additional \$ as local match to the AHEAD RHTF upon its FY2025 funding by the State Housing Trust Fund/Iowa Finance Authority.

Adopted this 5th day of February 2024.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the following resolution increasing reimbursement mileage rate for public officers and employees of Mahaska County. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 2024-07

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code section 70A.9, a public officer or employee of Mahaska County is entitled to be paid for the use of a private automobile used in the performance of a public duty, and

WHEREAS, such charge shall be in an amount as determined by the Mahaska Board of Supervisors which may be the maximum allowable under federal internal revenue service rules per mile, notwithstanding established mileage requirements or depreciation allowances, and

WHEREAS, Mahaska Board of Supervisors has determined mileage rate for reimbursement should be the maximum allowable federal mileage rate as determined by the Internal Revenue Service, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Mahaska County Auditor is hereby authorized to reimburse every public officer and employee of Mahaska County who is entitled to be paid for the use of a private automobile used in the performance of a public duty at the 2024 maximum allowable federal mileage rate of sixty-seven cents per mile.

Dated at Mahaska County Iowa this 5th day of February 2024.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve FY24/25 agreement with Carosh Compliance Solutions at \$12,159. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve a transfer of -\$7.80 from Fund 06001 to zero out old mental health fund 10000. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the correction to the April 3, 2023, minutes. The Manatt's bid was for the Old Highway 163 PCC Overlay Project, project number L-2023(02)-73-62 was \$1,152,958.40, not \$2,029,337.80. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve two claims from FY22/23. The first was from the Assessor's office in the amount of \$557.19 paid to VISA and the second was for an MCG bill paid in December 2022 for \$1,771.74. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to accept the 2nd quarter report from the VA. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to accept the payroll changes by consent. Secondary Roads hired Leonard Van Patten. His start date was January 31, 2024 and his classification will be Job Classification II (Maintenance & Equipment Operator) with a base hourly starting wage rate of \$26.27. The Sheriff's office requested that part-time jailer, Kendel Woods, be removed from payroll effective Jan. 11, 2024. Tamra Steele will be moving from the Auditor's office to the Assessor's office effective February 12, 2024. Any accumulated comp time will be transferred over with no change. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to approve the re-appointment of Chuck Webb to the Conservation Board for a 5-year term. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

After discussion of a proposed project by Two Rivers Coop at their facility near Tracy, IA, it was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the expansion and upgrade of the Two Rivers anhydrous proposal. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to table the Communications Agreement with Oskaloosa for 911 services.

Discussion centered around the Iowa Public Information Board concerning findings of open meeting violation by the executive committee of SCRAA. The Board's understanding of the letter is that the executive board took action without publishing the meeting and taking public comments. It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders that the Board will not support the annexation by the City of Oskaloosa of any land to be used for an airport and the Board will send a letter to IDOT with their position. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to adopt the wage compensation plan created by Paul Greufe and Mahaska County employees. The implementation date will be July 1, 2024. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Member Webb reported that Shive-Hattery may be hired to create plans for replacing the cast iron pipes in the Law Enforcement Center. The estimated cost for these plans is \$18,000 - \$25,000.

Public Comments: None

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 Co. Board of Supervisors