October 1, 2018

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 – Henry VanWeelden; Vice chairman – Mark Groenendyk and Member – Steve Wanders. Also present were Ginger Allsup, Osky News; Angie Holland, Osky Herald, Daryn Williams, CRI; Charlie Comfort, The Sun; Joe Lancello, KBOE, Angela Livezey, Cindy Quang, North Mahaska Community Schools; Russ VanRenterghem, Sheriff; Dave Shanahan, Engineer; Jamey Robinson, EMA; Paul DeGeest; Scott VanVeldhuizen; Mike Johnson; Mark Neff; Sherrill Strobel; Margaret Ratcliff; Brett Morris; Roger Fread; Susan McDanel; Reba Gaughn; Mike Terpstra; and Susan Brown, Mahaska County Auditor. This meeting was filmed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University.

Chairman VanWeelden opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with a moment of silence.

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

Public Comments: None

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to open public hearing on Ordinance #16 providing for the division of taxes levied on taxable property in the Prairie Wind urban Renewal Area, pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

North Mahaska Superintendent Angela Livezey and business manager Cindy Quang expressed appreciation to the board for making time to meet with them to discuss. They would like to see this TIF and valuation be a win/win for Mahaska County. The board intention is not to TIF 100% and will have a better idea at the end of next year when a bond may be set up and they would know how much TIF would be required for road projects. Mike Terpstra asked what was received by the county for damage to roads from wind turbine construction. From engineer the amount was $275,000. Brett Morris asked about an economic impact study being done for the TIF projects proposed.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to close public hearing. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders that ordinance has been given its first consideration and that it be adopted. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to approve the minutes of September 17 & 20. All present voted aye. Motion carried.
It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to approve the bills for the month of September in total $1,153,597.53. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to add Kyle Vinton as full time jailer in the Sheriff’s department. Starting date will be October 3, 2018 with starting salary of $30,000/year. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to accept Auditor’s 1st quarter report. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to approve application for one year Class C liquor license for Peppers Inc. effective November 10, 1028. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Groenendyk lead discussion around the fact that only one bid had been received for communications system. Motorola did not submit a bid with the reasoning that they had not been awarded a bid in Iowa when Ehlert was the consultant. Supervisor Groenendyk felt the taxpayers would be better served with more than one bid. Concerns of liability and cost to get this bid were raised. It was noted that board has right to reject any and all bids.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to ask Motorola to submit a bid for communications system within 30 days; based on the standards in the current RFP. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Supervisor Groenendyk will contact Motorola.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Groenendyk to approve updated Mahaska County Voting System Security Policy as recommended by the Auditor. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public comments: Recognized candidates present that are on the ballot in the upcoming general election: Susan McDanel – State Rep Dist. 80; Paul DeGeest and Scott VanVeldhuizen – County Supervisor.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Groenendyk to adjourn. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Attest: 

Susan L. Brown             Henry VanWeelden – Chairman
Mahaska County Auditor     Mahaska County Board of Supervisors