February 4, 2019

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 – Steve Parker. Also present were Angie Holland, Osky Herald; Daryn Williams, CRI; Ken Allsup, Osky News; Joe Lancello, KBOE; RD Keep, The Sun; Andrew Ritland, Attorney; Russ VanRenterghem, Sheriff; Eric Dursky, Sanitarian; Jamey Robinson, EMA; Mike Rodwell, Sec Rd; Jim Hansen, Joe Warrick, David Barnes, Pam Blomgren, SCRAA Bd; Jerry Searle, Snyder & Assoc.; Bob Drost; Bert Bandstra; John Bandstra; Robert DeRooi; Kathryn Kaul-Goodman; Jeff DeRooi; Gary Dickey; Mike Schrock, Mike Nardini and Susan Brown, Mahaska County Auditor. This meeting was filmed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University.

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

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

Public Comments: None

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Parker to approve minutes for January 22nd, 28th, and 30th meetings. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Parker to approve January bills in the amount of $1,041,665.64. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Parker seconded by Wanders to remove Scott Schippers from Secondary Road payroll effective January 31, 2019. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Parker to approve investment policy as presented by Treasurer Connie Van Polen. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Subdivision plat Marje-Plat 5 was acknowledged. No action needed as advised by counsel.

Jamey Robinson demonstrated a CPR Lucas device. It was moved by Parker seconded by Wanders to accept and authorize signature on amendment to original Memorandum of Agreement with Iowa Dept of Public Health dated January 23, 2018 adding another device to be provided to emergency services in the county. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Parker to approve presented Request for Proposal for radio communications tower site and development services with due date of
February 22, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Notice will be published and posted. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Parker seconded by Wanders to approve the following resolution. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Resolution #2019-06**
Resolution providing for the levy of taxes

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) of Mahaska County (the “County”), State of Iowa, has heretofore proposed to enter into a general obligation loan agreement in a principal amount not to exceed $5,500,000, pursuant to the provisions of Section 331.402 of the Code of Iowa, for the purpose of paying the cost, to that extent, of acquiring emergency services communication equipment, has published notice of the proposed action and has held a hearing thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends to enter into a loan agreement and to issue General Obligation Emergency Services Communication Equipment Bonds (the “Bonds”) in the future, and anticipates that principal and interest will come due on the Bonds before June 30, 2020, and it is now necessary to make provision for the levy of a debt service property tax to be collected in the fiscal year that will begin July 1, 2019 for the payment of such principal and interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Mahaska County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. For the purpose of providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds, there is hereby ordered levied on all the taxable property in the County a direct annual tax for collection in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, sufficient to produce the sum of $350,636.

Section 2. A certified copy of this resolution shall be filed with the County Auditor, and the Auditor is hereby instructed to enter for collection and assess the tax hereby authorized. When annually entering such taxes for collection, the County Auditor shall include the same as a part of the tax levy for Debt Service Fund purposes of the County and when collected, the proceeds of the taxes shall be converted into the Debt Service Fund of the County and set aside therein as a special account to be used solely and only for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and for no other purpose whatsoever.

Section 3. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Passed and approved February 4, 2019.
It was moved by Wanders seconded by Parker to reduce the recommendation of the compensation board by 50% for Mahaska County elected officials wage in fiscal year 19-20. Recommendation was 8% for Sheriff; 6% for Attorney and 3% for Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder and Supervisors. With 50% reduction Sheriff will receive 4%; Attorney, 3% and all other elected officials 1.5% pay increase for fiscal year 19-20. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Parker seconded by Wanders at 9:22 a.m. to go into closed section per Iowa Code 21.5c to receive update on current litigation. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Parker seconded by Wanders to return to open session at 10:07 a.m. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Katherine Kaul-Goodman to consider the needs of many vs the wants of few and safety to the public in the upcoming work session discussion regarding the future of 220th St as part of the proposed regional airport plan.

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

The board then met in work session with SCRAA board members Jim Hanson, Joe Warrick, David Barnes; Oskaloosa and Pella city administrators Mike Schrock and Mike Nardini; from Sec Road Dept, Mike Rodwell; Jerry Searle, Snyder & Assoc. Discussion centered around the SCRAA and cities planned disconnect of 220th St and an option to hook up with 235th St that the county engineering department had proposed. Questions were: who would be expected to fund the improvements needed; is there a rough estimate of the cost; when would the improvements need to be place. Mr. Rodwell will work with Mr. Searle to get an estimate put together. The group will come back together for another work session soon after that.

Public Comments: Bert Bandstra voiced concern for close of 220th St and safety of being on 163. He asked the supervisors to back up what they had said as candidates – to not close 220th. John Bandstra appreciated the ideas for 235th St connection but still does not want 220th closed. Would affect businesses not just farmers. Would support 235th option. Cost should be on the cities.

Attest:______________________       _______________________
   Susan L. Brown   Mark Groenendyk
Mahaska County Auditor   Mahaska County Board of Supervisors