December 2, 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; Joe Lancello, KBOE; R.D. Keep, The Sun; Tiffany Kruizinga, Cole Kruizinga, Evan Del Val, ISG; Andrew Ritland, Attorney; Heather Gross, CDS; Troy Bemis, Maintenance; Russ VanRenterghem, Sheriff; Ben Hoskinson, IRVM; Tom Flaherty, Econ Development; Dave Sedivec, Conservation and Susan Brown, Mahaska County Auditor. This meeting was live streamed by Communication 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 Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to approve agenda for today’s meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

It was moved by Parker seconded by Wanders to approve minutes for November 18 meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Parker to approve bills for November totaling $646,251.07. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Parker seconded by Wanders to remove Steve Scholtus from Maintenance payroll effective December 6, 2019. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Parker to add Jack Griffis to Maintenance payroll as part time law enforcement center custodian effective December 9, 2019 at rate of $12.00/hr. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Parker seconded by Wanders to accept 2019 Mahaska County Weed Commissioner’s Report as presented by Ben Hoskinson. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Evan Del Val, ISG, informed board there are no open items in Mahaska County in relation to the Dakota Access Pipeline project and that ISG is ready to hand over the inspection documentation to the county both in hard copy and digital form. It was moved by Wanders seconded by Parker to accept the documentation as presented with training to access provided. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Engineer Andy McGuire submitted recommendation for purchase of tandem axle dump truck with box/snow plow package. It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Wanders to approve quote from GATR Truck Center for Volvo truck ($114,424.81) and Henderson Truck Equipment for box/snow plow package ($95,817.00). All present voted aye. Motion carried.
Board considered compensation board’s recommendation for elected official salaries in FY 20-21. The recommendation was 3.00% across the board. Discussion centered around concern for health insurance funding and how increase from county to the fund would affect decision on salary increases. It was moved by Parker seconded by Wanders to cut recommendation by 16.667% for an across the board increase of 2.5%, with understanding that employees will pay more for health insurance contribution along with county. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The board also discussed FY 20-21 budgeting expectations as directions for department heads. Consensus was to include 2.5% wage increase; no increase in operation expenses and remove computer expense budgeted last year from each department. Board will include expectations in budget packets to be distributed later this week.

Public Comments: Dave Sedivec explained disbursement that was questioned earlier in meeting. The $115,000 from Conservation Land Acquisition Trust Fund included two new pit toilets and pond restoration work.

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

The board was in work session following this meeting for training on accessing pipeline documentation.

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     Susan L. Brown                                    Mark Groenendyk
     Mahaska County Auditor                           Mahaska County Board of Supervisors