January 21, 2020

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, Oskaloosa Herald; Joe Lancello, KBOE; Roger Shindell, Carosh; Andrew Ritland, Attorney; Dave Sedivec, Conservation; Russ VanRenterghem, Sheriff; J.W. Wight; Troy Bemis; Darin Hite; Jamey Robinson; Lindsey Thomas; Connie Van Polen; Tracey Gilliland; Brian Knudtson and Susan Brown, Mahaska County Auditor. This meeting was live streamed 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 Parker seconded by Wanders to approve minutes of January 2, 13, 14, 15,16 meetings. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Parker to accept 2nd quarter reports from Recorder and Sheriff and semi-annual from Treasurer. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Parker seconded by Wanders to approve the following changes to sheriff payroll. Effective January 12, 2020 – Jailers Khandi Tucker to $38,000/yr; Cori Flatt to $36,000/yr; Stephen Shannon to $35,000/yr and Austin Glandon to $34,500/yr. The following part time jailers move to full time effective January 12, 2020 - Jennifer Stoneberg and Kyle Heginger and effective January 26, 2020 – Crystal Malloy. These jailers will begin at $34,500/yr then with satisfactory completion of a six month probation period will go to $35,000/yr. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Parker to appoint Jake McGee to Civil Service Commission with term ending December 31, 2022 based on testimony from sheriff that current appointee Mr. VanGilst has asked to resign from the commission. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Parker seconded by Wanders to approve 28E between City of Eddyville, Mahaska County, and Sheriff for 444 hours of patrol and traffic enforcement at $42.00 per hour; totaling $18,648.00 for FY21. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Roger Shindell, Carosh Compliance Solutions, reviewed the quarterly report for HIPAA training and compliance. Congratulated the county on the training percentages of completion.
Dave Sedivec gave monthly Conservation Report and it was placed on file.

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

Resolution #2020-06
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 $2,403,999 in federal highway transportation grant funds for FY21 to be used for road improvements in RPA 15, of which Mahaska County’s estimated share is $310,666; and

WHEREAS, the IDOT requires Area 15 RPC to provide twenty percent (20%) local match toward the annual IDOT planning grant; and the FY21 local match requirement is an estimated $21,205 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 FY21 local match equals $2,749

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mahaska County has agreed to contribute $2,749 to the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission to serve as FY21 local match.

Agreed to this 21st day of January, 2020.

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

Resolution #2020-07
Operating Transfer
From LEC Improvement Fund to General Fund
WHEREAS, it is desired to transfer monies from the LEC Improvement Fund (29000) to the General Fund (01000);

WHEREAS, Mahaska County established Fund 29 LEC Improvement Fund by resolution dated August 6, 2001, as a reserve fund consisting of all funds remaining after the costs of the erection of the facility were paid including all bonded indebtedness and interest; and

WHEREAS, Mahaska County Law Enforcement Center underwent an improvement project in FY18/19 consisting of roof replacement and exterior brick facing; and

WHEREAS, the balance due on above named project exceeded the fund balance in the LEC Improvement Fund in the amount of $9,732.01. This being the final payment on the project which amount was transferred in by board Resolution #2019-34 from the General Fund on September 3, 2019 leaving a zero balance in the LEC Improvement Fund.

WHEREAS, annually in October Mahaska County Treasurer credits to the fund interest earned on the LEC Improvement Fund for the preceding fiscal year. In October 2019 $3,442.40 was credited for fiscal year 18/19. This amount should be transferred back to the General Fund as reimbursement.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. The sum of $3442.40 is ordered to be transferred from the LEC Improvement Fund (29000) General Fund (01000) effective January 21, 2020. The auditor is directed to make the appropriate transfer.

Passed this 21st day of January, 2020.

A decision on insurance schedule building values was tabled.

It was moved by Parker seconded by Wanders to appoint Jeanie Bieri as county representative to Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter board with term ending December 31, 2021. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion with county attorney regarding 2015 911/EMA contract that court has ruled void and unenforceable. Not all questions were answered by court decision. There are concerns as to county’s liability with funding of 911 and how to handle what has been levied in the current year. County attorney felt county should get some direction before March 1 from the court. It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Parker to ask court for some clarification regarding questions that were not addressed in recent ruling. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Board discussed employee health plan options including possible broker and plan considerations. The renewal timeline and budgeting for FY21 are imperative. Comment was made that time is needed to do a thorough job. Supervisor Wanders will get the employee insurance committee together and schedule work sessions with potential brokers.
Time is needed to research legality of contract with Mahaska County Solid Waste for IT services. Item was tabled.

Committee reports: None

Public Comments: None

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

Attest:__________________________                   ______________________________ 
Susan L. Brown                                             Mark Groenendyk
Mahaska Co Auditor                                             Mahaska County Board of Supervisors