June 11, 2020

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met in work session on the above date at 10:00 a.m. in the third floor magistrate courtroom 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 Andrew McGuire; Ken Allsup; Mike Schrock; Mike Nardini; Jim Hansen; John Bandstra; Jerry Searles; Dave Barnes; Harold Fynaardt and Susan Brown, Mahaska County Auditor.

Board met with members of South Central Regional Airport Agency to discuss alternatives and status relating to the proposed closure of 220th St in regional airport plan.

Mr. Hanson opened with the idea from the agency was to cut 220th off at Independence Ave. and on down to Hwy 163. They reported that Iowa DOT was open to the reduction of traffic speed down to 55 mph in the area. Mr. Searles commented that FAA has given go ahead to hard surface for service road.

Questions to be answered regarding the service road proposed by FAA for slow moving vehicles: How would it be regulated for only slow moving vehicles? Would there be gates in place? Who would be in charge? How would maintenance be done? County engineer would like to see an example agreement and a study on like roadways. It was noted that the service road would be built to standards of other roads in the county. Questions as to whether service road is a safer alternative to county’s 235th proposal.

Growth around airport was discussed and how road configuration would affect getting to businesses.

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Susan L. Brown                                             Mark Groenendyk
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