

# MAHASKA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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## Mahaska County EM Commission Meeting Minutes

The Mahaska County EM Commission met on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at the Mahaska County Law Center, 214 High Ave East, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Van Renterghem at 6:00 P.M.

### Members Attending:

Doug Greenlee, Keri Lamberson, Tom Van Der Veer, Kim Sytsma, Jeff Ennis (phone), George Toubekis, Sherri Baxter, Joe Caligiuri, Marcia Slycord, Mark Groenendyk, and Russ Van Renterghem.

Non-Members: Josh Stevens & Cheryl Eklofe

### Approve the current agenda

- Motion by Slycord to approve the agenda, seconded by Toubekis, all in favor, motion carried.

### Approve meeting minutes from the November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting

- Motion by Toubekis to approve the minutes, seconded by Greenlee, all in favor, motion carried.

### Public Comments - None

### Public Hearing

- A. Caligiuri motioned to open the public hearing, seconded by Greenlee, all in favor, motion carried. Josh advised that he did not receive any written or verbal comments regarding the proposed budget amendment. Josh recapped the information from the previous meeting regarding the proposed budget amendment for a vehicle purchase with equipment.

Greenlee motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Caligiuri, all in favor, motion carried.

B. Budget Amendment

Josh provided the Commission with information on the amendment. Based on the trade-in value offered from the dealership, the Commission discussed selling the vehicle to the County for the Sheriff's Office use since it is already upfitted with emergency lights and would need much less investment for use. Toubekis motioned to approve the budget amendment, seconded by Caligiuri, all in favor, motion

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carried. The Commission agreed that it would like to sell the vehicle to the County for the same trade-in value offered by the dealership. Van Der Veer motioned to approve the County and the sheriff to work out the details for payment and transfer of the vehicle, seconded by Caligiuri, all in favor motion carried.

## **2026-2027 Budget**

- Josh provided a proposed budget for 2026-2027. The proposed budget included a 3% cost of living raise with adjustments to insurance costs. The proposed budget also includes using funds (\$23,000) from the carryover balance to reduce the tax request to the County. The overall budget increase from the current budget year to the 2026-2027 budget year is 2.78%. Groenendyk made a motion to approve the budget, seconded by Caligiuri, all in favor, motion carried. Josh will prepare the DOM documents.

## **Set the date for the budget public hearing**

- After discussion was held, Groenendyk motioned to hold the budget public hearing on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the law center, seconded by Lamberson, all in favor, motion carried.

## **Election of Officers**

- Per the Commission bylaws, election of the chair and vice-chair positions are held at the beginning of each year. Greenlee nominated Van Renterghem as chairperson and Lamberson as the vice-chair. Groenendyk motioned to cease nominations and appoint Van Renterghem and Lamberson, seconded by Toubekis. All in favor motioned carried.

## **Claims**

- The Commission reviewed the list of claims provided.

## **Public Comments – None**

## **Next Meeting**

- Public Hearing-Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

## **Adjourn**

- Greenlee motioned to adjourn, Van Der Veer seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.