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Mahaska County EM Commission Meeting Minutes

The Mahaska County EM Commission met on Thursday, November 13th, 2025, 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 (phone), Jeff Ennis (phone), George Toubekis, and Russ Van Renterghem.

Non-Members: Josh Stevens

Approve the current agenda

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

Approve meeting minutes from the October 14th, 2025 meeting

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

Public Comments - None

Public Hearing

- A. Toubekis 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 presented information to the Commission regarding the proposed budget amendment that was discussed at the last meeting. This amendment is for the hazard mitigation plan update project which we received a grant for.

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

B. Budget Amendment

Josh provided the Commission with information on the amendment. Since this grant is a reimbursement grant now, the Commission will pay the vendor and then receive the reimbursement funds from the State. Greenlee motioned to approve the budget amendment, seconded by Toubekis, all in favor motion carried.

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Vehicle Proposal

- Josh provided information about a vehicle replacement. The proposal included trading in the 2014 Tahoe for a 2026 Tahoe on state bid pricing from Karl Automotive Group along with vehicle equipment from RACOM in Pella. Josh proposed using carryover funds for this purchase to avoid loan interest. The group discussed trade in value, warranty details, and reusing current equipment. Josh proposed doing a budget amendment in January to allow for the purchase. Toubekis made a motion to approve the project as detailed, seconded by Lamberson, all in favor, motion carried. Josh will prepare the budget amendment documents and publication information for a January 2026 meeting.

Claims

- The Commission reviewed the list of claims provided.

Public Comments – None

Next Meeting

- Doodle Poll – January 2026

Adjourn

- Toubekis motioned to adjourn, Greenlee seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:27 P.M.