June 17, 2002

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met on the above date at 9:00 a.m. in the third floor courtroom of the Mahaska County courthouse. Present were the following board members: Henry W. VanWeelden; Howard Groenendyk and Greg Gordy. Also present were: Michelle Fagerstone, Main Street; Michelle Moore, Mahaska County Rural and Agricultural Development Committee; Jerome Nusbaum, County Engineer; Connie Kitzmann; County Relief Director; Joleen Arnold, CPC; Mike Sytsma, Bates Funeral Chapel; Dave Langkamp, Garland VanArkel Funeral Chapel; Darrell Cochran, John Heslinga, Leora Schuelka, Forest Cemetery Board Members; Sally Finder, Oskaloosa Herald; Lori Faybik, Ottumwa Courier and Kay Swanson, County Auditor. Chairman VanWeelden opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Gordy to approve the agenda with the addition of the Pella Zoning Commission and Pella Board of Adjustments corrected appointments. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2002 meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Michelle Fagerstone from the Main Street office updated the board on the projects Main Street has been involved in the past few months. Retail Entertainment Packages; Diplomat Calls around the County; Highway 63 Construction; Ridiculous Days; Nelson Pioneer Farm Billboard; Dave’s Weight Club; and Wal-Mart Super Center.

Michelle Moore from the Mahaska County Agricultural and Rural Development Committee gave her monthly report.

The April Monthly report for the Veterans Affairs Commission was tabled for more information.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to approve the request of the sheriff to remove Lana Reed from the jail payroll effective June 14, 2002. Lana has taken a position with the Iowa Department of Corrections. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Gordy to approve the request of the Treasurer to increase Connie Schippers to 76% deputy; Terri Haworth to 70% deputy and Becki Ford to 65% deputy all effective July 1, 2002. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Henry W. VanWeelden reported that the DECAT committee he serves on may have need for the County to contribute money for this committee to share a director with Wapello County.

Greg Gordy reported that the contract for the maintenance on the Law Enforcement Building is waiting for the signatures.
It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to approve the order of transfer of funds for $3783.58 from the Debt Service Fund to the General Fund; $701,059.90 from the Debt Service/Local Option Sales Tax Fund to the LEC Improvement Fund and $7,411.23 from the Local Option Sales Tax Fund to the LEC Improvement Fund. These transfers were recommended by the audit firm when they did the 2001 county audit. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by VanWeelden to approve the request that Ringgold County be added to the Southeast Iowa Response Group. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to correct the appointments to the Pella Board of Adjustment to be James W. VandeVoort and Lyle VanderMeiden. This corrects the May 6, 2002 minutes. Terms will be for five (5) years. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by VanWeelden to appoint the Vice-Chairman to serve on the Pella Planning and Zoning Commission as the Supervisor’s position. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to appoint Alan Menninga to the Pella Planning and Zoning Commission for a term of five (5) years. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion of the indigent burials policy was held with the following: Dave Langkamp, Garland VanArkel Funeral Chapel; Mike Sytsma, Bates Funeral Chapel; John Heslinga, Darrell Cochran; and Leora Schuelka members of Forest Cemetery Board; and Connie Kitzman, County Relief Director.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Gordy to amend the policy by changing the Grave space to $100.00 on page one. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to amend the last line on page two to read $1185.00 for cremation services. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to approve the Indigent Burials Policy effective July 1, 2002 and to approve the Medical Examiners Fees policy. These policies will have an annual review. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to approve the contract for Mental Health Services Between Mahaska County and Mahaska Health Partnership Community Health for FY 2003. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Joleen Arnold, Mahaska County CPC presented the board her quarterly report for the period December 1, 2001 thru April 30, 2002. She is in need of more office space.
It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by VanWeelden to approve the request of the County Engineer to set the salaries for the secondary road employees not covered by the bargaining agreement. Salaries to begin July 1, 2002. Joe Albright $41,080.00 annually; Howard Gay $18.89 per hour; Colette Scott $26,348.84 annually. Two voted aye; Gordy abstained. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to approve the agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation to use federal bridge funds to replace an aging bridge over St. Joseph’s Creek in Sec 14-75-17. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

During the work session with the engineer discussion was on the following:
   a. Paving for Eddyville Raceway
   b. Warranty for Murphy Tractor
   c. Lighting for Fuel Island
   d. Striping contract
   e. Painting guardrail on 5 bridges.

Meeting adjourned.

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Henry W. VanWeelden, Chairman
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: ___________________________
Kay Swanson, Mahaska County Auditor