December 16, 2002

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on the above date in the third floor conference room of the Mahaska County courthouse. Present were the following board members: Howard Groenendyk, Greg Gordy and Henry W. VanWeelden. Also present were the following: Michelle Moore, Mahaska County Agricultural and Rural Development Committee; R.D. Keep, Emergency Management Coordinator; Don Sandor, Oskaloosa City Manager; Lori Faybik, Ottumwa Courier; Lawrence Rouw, Supervisor Elect; Rick Cady and John Davis, Secondary Road Department; Bob Neilson, Garden Engineering; Larry Stevens, Oskaloosa City Engineer; Jerry Nusbaum, Mahaska County Engineer; Kirby Moss, Employee Group Services; Arlene Weidmann, Mahaska County Treasurer; Sone Scott, Deputy Treasurer; Kim Snook from the Iowa Department of Transportation; Kay Swanson, County Auditor.

Chairman VanWeelden opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to approve the agenda. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to approve the minutes of December 2nd meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to approve the bills for November in the amount of $558,490.42 and payroll of $371,328.97. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Michelle Moore of the Mahaska County Agricultural and Rural Development presented her monthly report to the board.

R.D. Keep, Emergency Management Coordinator and Michelle Moore from the Mahaska County Agricultural and Rural Development Committee discussed the Weather Radios with the board. It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to allocate the 59 of the 875 radios to Leighton which is being purchased by the City of Leighton for their residents. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to approve the request of the Treasurer to place Michelle VanDonselaar on the payroll in the Automobile Department of the treasurer’s office as a 60% deputy effective December 2, 2002. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to approve the request of the Sheriff to remove Kevin Lamberson from the Mahaska County Jail payroll effective December 16, 2002. He has taken a position as the Police Chief in New Sharon. All present voted aye. Motion carried.
It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to approve the request of the Sheriff to place Mark Bruns on the payroll as a jailer effective December 4, 2002 at a salary of $21,930.00. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The request from the recorder’s office was tabled until next week.

Oskaloosa city Engineer Larry Stevens and City Manager Don Sandor discussed the proposed annexation of a triangle of land at the secondary road department site. The board was opposed to this annexation of land.

Bob Neilson of Garden & Associates and Larry Stevens, Oskaloosa City Engineer discussed the proposed roundabout to be located at the intersection of Old Highway 163 and Pella Road. This is being considered as a part of the new school building being built in that area.

Kirby Moss from Employee Group Services discussed the Health Insurance costs with the board. He will come back on Dec. 23 to give actual rates.

Arlene Weidmann, Sone Scott and Kim Snook discussed the county taking over the issuing of driver’s licenses. It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to approve the 28E Agreement between Mahaska County and the Iowa Department of Transportation. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The board discussed with the county engineer the funding for paving the Eddyville Raceway Entrance Road.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Groenendyk to reduce the recommendations of the compensation board from 2% to 0% for the Supervisors; from 3% to 1% for the Attorney; from 6% to 4% for the Auditor, Sheriff, Treasurer and Recorder. Salaries for the elected officials after the reductions would be Supervisors $ 24,330.00; Auditor $40,600.00; Treasurer $39,930.00; Attorney $64,700.00; Sheriff $51,100.00; Recorder $39,400.00. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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Henry W. VanWeelden, Chairman
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: ____________________________
Kay Swanson, County Auditor