December 1, 2003

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on the above date with the following board members present: Lawrence Rouw, Henry W. VanWeelden and Greg Gordy. Also present were the following: Michelle Moore, Mahaska County Rural and Agricultural Committee; Miranda Pearson, Oskaloosa Herald; Christine Ahrens, KBOE Radio; Jerry Nusbaum, County Engineer; Joleen Arnold, Mahaska Co. CPC; Brandt Smith, Mahaska County Secondary Road Dept.; Amy Davis and Jim VanderBeek, Proline Co.; Randy Frazier, E911 Director; Charles VanToorn, Mahaska Co Sheriff; Sone Scott, Mahaska Co Treasurer; Sue Brown, Deputy Auditor.

Chairman Gordy opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Rouw to approve the agenda for today’s meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rouw, seconded by VanWeelden to approve the minutes of November 17. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Rouw to approve the bills for November. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The issue on courthouse space was discussed. A vote will be taken at the next meeting as to the direction the board will go.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by VanWeelden to approve the Veteran’s Affairs report. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by VanWeelden to approve the correction to the county attorney salary computation for 2003-2004 previously approved on July 1, 2003. For the 2003-2004 fiscal year the salary will be $65,340.00. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The concensus of the board is that collective bargaining fees incurred for union negotiations for the Sheriff’s department will be paid from their department.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Rouw to make an offer of employment as GIS Coordinator to the candidate recommended by the GIS Committee. A maximum of 20% IT (Information Technology) work will be included in the job description. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by VanWeelden to pass the following resolution for a R.I.S.E. grant:
Resolution Endorsing Submittal of an Application to the Iowa Department of Transportation
For R.I.S.E. Funding

WHEREAS, the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors endorses the creation and expansion of industries in Mahaska County and welcomes, specifically, the proposed expansion of The Pro-Line Co. and the related growth, development and additional employment opportunities such a project will provide, and

WHEREAS, there exists an immediate, nonspeculative opportunity for the permanent creation of approximately 20 quality jobs within the first two years of this project, and

WHEREAS, Mahaska County is currently negotiating with The Pro-Line Co. (‘the developers’) to locate and construct a new manufacturing facility and office structure on a site located south of New Sharon, and

WHEREAS, R.I.S.E. funding is vital and essential to the creation of the aforementioned jobs as the County requires the funds to construct a road that would provide adequate access to the proposed site and the decision by the developers to locate in Mahaska County is contingent upon the road being built, therefore, should the commitment of RISE funds not be immediately available and the proposed road not be built, the developers will abandon the project in Mahaska County and,

WHEREAS, the preliminary cost estimate for the proposed road is $142,500, of which the developer assures they will provide $46,500, and

WHEREAS, Mahaska County is seeking a R.I.S.E. contribution equaling $4,000 per job, or $80,000, which they will match with $16,000, which is 20% of the potential R.I.S.E. contribution, thereby bringing the total non-R.I.S.E. financial participation to $62,500 or approximately 44% of the total project cost, and

WHEREAS, the proposed roadway will be dedicated to public use, and

WHEREAS, the proposed jurisdictional responsibility for the new roadway will rest with Mahaska County, which will adequately maintain the roadway,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors that the County Engineer is hereby authorized and directed to submit an application for R.I.S.E. funds on behalf of Mahaska County to the Iowa Department of Transportation for $80,000.

Passed and approved this 1st day of December, 2003.
County Engineer will advertise a 1997 Trailking flatbed trailer for sale to see what response is received. It was moved by Rouw seconded by VanWeelden not to exceed $30,000 for the purchase of a used 1995 Ford service truck from Star Equipment. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman, Mahaska Co Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:______________________________

Susan L. Brown, Deputy Auditor