November 8, 2004

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on the above date at 9:00 a.m. the third floor conference room of the Mahaska County courthouse. Present were the following: Chairman – Lawrence Rouw; Vice-Chairman - Henry W. VanWeelden; Member – Greg Gordy.

Also present were the following: Eric Coop, Oskaloosa Herald; Christina Straube and Emmy Voss, employees of the Jail and Charles Stream, Mahaska County Attorney; Jerry Nusbaum, Mahaska County Engineer; and Kay Swanson, Mahaska County Auditor.

Chairman Rouw opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the agenda with the deletion of approval of minutes. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the bills for October in the amount of $576,152.70 and payroll in the amount of $402,366.48. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the first quarter FY05 quarterly and October monthly reports for the Veterans Affairs Commission. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the application for On-premise liquor, wine or beer license for Peppertree at 2274 Highway 63, Oskaloosa. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the request of the County Attorney to remove Carrie Ferguson from the payroll effective October 24, 2004 in the County Attorney’s Office. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the request of the Engineer to remove Collette Scott from the Engineer’s payroll effective October 15, 2004. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Wapello County Board of Supervisors sent a letter to the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors asking for support for the proposed casino in Wapello County. It was moved by Rouw seconded by Gordy to not support the proposed casino for Wapello County. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Charles Stream, Emmy Voss, and Christina Straube discussed the matter of newborn insurance with the board. The board will discuss this with the insurance company. Will have the insurance representative come to the next board meeting on November 22, 2004 if possible.
County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections Kay Swanson, reported the total number voting on election day (November 2, 2004) as 6,832 votes cast at the polls with an additional 3,968 absentee ballots counted and 37 paper votes counted making a total of 10,837 votes. There were 15,638 eligible voters on November 2, 2004. Voter turnout was 69.3%. 4,226 absentee ballots were requested with 3968 counted and 37 paper ballots counted. After reading the votes cast for each office. It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the canvass of the votes of the General Election held on November 2, 2004. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Results of the canvass can be found in the permanent election record book in the Auditor’s office.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the engineer to negotiate with McCulley culvert to repair G71 at the Truax corner. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the City/County Corporation Line Agreement with the changes on the highlighted map and corrections to the city/county agreement wording. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to remove John J. Armstrong from the Secondary Road payroll effective November 2, 2004. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The engineer discussed with the board the need to fix the shoulders on Dean Avenue.

The engineer also discussed with the board 238th Street and Kirby Avenue.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to adjourn. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

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Lawrence Rouw, Chairman
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors

Attest: ____________________________
Kay Swanson, Mahaska County Auditor