November 20, 2006

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on the above date at 9:00 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the Mahaska County courthouse. Present were the following board members: Chairman – Greg Gordy, Vice chairman – Lawrence Rouw and Member – Henry W. VanWeelden. Also present were the following: Scott Manthe, Oskaloosa Herald; Miranda Hanselman, Mahaska County Agricultural and Rural Development Director; Don DeHeer; Jerome Nusbaum, Mahaska County Engineer; Brian Schroder and Beth Fletcher; Ben Hoskinson; Ray and Janet Poe; Beth Danowsky; George Wesselhoft, Mike Nardini from the City of Pella; Kirby Moss, Auxiant, Brad Hiller, Interactive Health Solutions, Inc.; members of the health insurance committee: Sue Brown, Linda Forsythe, Richard Adams, Jerry Wright, Connie Schippers, Kathy Anderson and Kay Swanson, Mahaska County Auditor.

Chairman Gordy called the meeting to order with a moment of silence.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by VanWeelden to approve the agenda for today’s meeting with the addition of MCARD and to delete the approval of minutes. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Rouw to approve the Veteran’s Affairs report for October, 2006. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Rouw to approve the request of the Oskaloosa Chamber to open the public restrooms on November 30th and December 1st for the Christmas Parade. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the appointment of Dr. Sarah Wymer as assistant to the Medical Examiner. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Miranda Hanselman, Agricultural and Rural Development Director gave the board her monthly report.

Brian Schroder and Beth Fletcher discussed the building of a house on N½ NE SE of Section 7 Township 75 Range 17 which they own. This property is close to a hog confinement but the confinement does not interfere with this. The confinement does not have a manure management plan on file. The rural building ordinance does not affect this property.

Lawrence discussed the results of the union negotiations for the law enforcement center with the other members of the board.
Lawrence discussed the possibility of starting the process to have Zoning in Mahaska County. The board is in favor of getting started with this. They will appoint a committee to work on this in the near future.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Rouw to approve the agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for use of local agency roads as detour at 220th and Merino Avenue for southbound traffic commencing at the junction of US 63 and 220th Street thence east 1.4 miles along 220th St. to the intersection with Merino Avenue; thence south 0.3 mile to the intersection with Oxford Avenue (County route T65); thence continuing south and southwesterly 1.6 miles along Merino Ave. to the northerly city limits of Oskaloosa, ending the County-jurisdiction segment of the detour and northbound traffic using the same route as mentioned, but in opposing direction (beginning at US 63 and E. Glendale Road – within city limits). This detour is while the bridge is replaced over the UP Railroad. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The matter of building permit application for Ken DeWitt was tabled until December 4, 2006.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Rouw to open the public hearing for the destruction of noxious weeds on private property. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Ben Hoskinson, Mahaska County Weed Commissioner discussed the property owned by Ray and Janet Poe with the board. He had prepared a bill for the destruction of the weeds on this property (parcel #0819300001). The costs are $396.19. Mr. and Mrs. Poe were in attendance and stated that they had not been able to take care of the weeds because of health issues. It was moved by Rouw seconded by VanWeelden to close the public hearing. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by VanWeelden that due to health conditions that the allowable 25% board of supervisors administration fee be waived and that the Poe’s pay actual costs of $396.19 before December 31, 2006. If not paid by then it would be assessed against their property. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Rouw to approve the 2006 Weed Commissioners Report. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

George Wesselhoft, Pella Planning and Zoning Director and Mike Nardini, Pella City Administrator discussed with the board the matter of building fees in the two mile limit of Pella in Mahaska County. The board felt that residents building in this area need to purchase a building permit from Mahaska County. Pella and Mahaska County will work together to get this accomplished. Mahaska County will send Pella a price sheet.
Beth Danowsky discussed the Early Childhood Development Center with the board. A public hearing will be held at the Supervisor’s meeting on December 4, 2006. No decisions were made today.

Meeting recessed until 1:15 p.m.
Reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Kirby Moss from Auxiant and Brad Hiller from Interactive Health Solutions discussed the results of the health screening that was held on August 30th and 31st and September 1st. 122 employees had participated in the screening which was a good number. Interactive Health Solutions will be sending a monthly newsletter for all employees.

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

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Greg Gordy, Chairman
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _______________________
Kay Swanson, Mahaska County Auditor