February 5, 2007

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 – Lawrence Rouw; Vice chairman – Henry W. VanWeelden, Member – Greg Gordy. Also present were the following: Scott Dailey, KBOE Radio, Scott Manthe, Oskaloosa Herald; Jay Christensen, Mahaska Health Partnership; Detra Dettmann, Pathfinders; Don DeHeer; Larry Linsey; Don Russell, Mahaska County Sanitarian; Sone Scott, Mahaska County Treasurer; Joleen Arnold, Mahaska County CPC; Jerome Nusbaum, Mahaska County Engineer and Kay Swanson, Mahaska County Auditor.

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

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

Detra Dettmann gave the board an update on Pathfinders Resource Conservation & Development.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the minutes of January 15th, 25th 30th and the budget work session minutes of January 16th 17th 22nd 23rd 24th 25th 26th. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the December payroll in the amount of $421,596.10. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the January bills in the amount of $1,265,802.20 and payroll in the amount of $440,123.85. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the 2nd quarter report for fiscal year 2006-2007 for the Recorder. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the November, December 2006 and the quarterly report of 2nd quarter fiscal year 2006-2007 of the Veterans Affairs. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The treasurer requested the following payroll changes for deputies in her department. Effective January 1, 2007 deputy Judy Stone after 28 years of service from 74% to 76%. Effective July 1, 2007 deputy Teresa Haworth after 17 years of service from 70% to 74%; Tracey Gilliland after 4 years of service from 60% to 65% and Michelle VanWyk after 4 years of service from 60% to 65%.

It was moved by VanWeelden to increase deputy Judy Stone 2% effective January 1, 2007. The motion died for lack of a second.
It was moved by Gordy seconded by Rouw to deny the request of the Treasurer. Motion carried. Two aye – one nay.

The matter of the Sheriff Union Agreement was tabled.

Jay Christensen, Mahaska Health Partnership presented the board with the following resolution.

Mahaska County Board of Supervisors
Resolution
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Be it resolved that the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors authorizes Mahaska County Hospital d/b/a Mahaska Health Partnership to levy a $.10 per 1,000 valuation assessment to subsidize the ambulance service for the fiscal year July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008. This levy is the same as the previous fiscal year.

It is understood by the Mahaska County Hospital d/b/a Mahaska Health Partnership that the levy represents an annual request to the board of supervisors, and there is no guarantee that the levy will be granted in any fiscal year.

The ambulance levy funds may only be used to supplement the following:

1. Operating deficits in ambulance operations. These deficits may be due to continued funding shortfalls by the Medicare and Medicaid programs, increasing costs of personnel, or other increased operating costs.
2. Overhead related to ambulance operations, which may include the depreciation on the ambulance garage (new in 2002), billing and administrative costs, education, insurance, etc.
3. The cost of new or replacement equipment for the ambulance service, including ambulance vehicles and other equipment necessary for the provision of emergency medical services.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the above resolution. Motion carried. Vote – 2 aye – 1 nay.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to increase the health insurance rates for medical coverage by 7% for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the dental and vision rates will remain the same. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve 58% of the compensation board’s recommendation of 6% for salaries of the elected officials and to be rounded to the nearest $10. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION REGARDING SALARY INCREASES RECOMMENDED BY THE COMPENSATION BOARD:

WHEREAS: the Mahaska County Compensation Board has recommended raises of 6 (%) percent increase for the County Attorney, Auditor, Recorder, Sheriff, Treasurer and Supervisors for fiscal year 2007-2008.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors this 5th day of February, 2007 that the recommended raises of 6(%) percent be reduced to 58(%) percent of the 6(%) percent recommendation.

The Mahaska County Attorney will receive $75,090.00 for 2007/2008, an increase of $2,530.00 from 2006/2007 salary of $72,560.00.

The Mahaska County Auditor will receive $46,650.00 for 2007/2008, an increase of $1,570.00 from 2006/2007 salary of $45,080.00.

The Mahaska County Recorder will receive $45,280.00 for 2007/2008, an increase of $1,520.00 from 2006/2007 salary of $43,760.00.

The Mahaska County Sheriff will receive $58,710.00 for 2007/2008, an increase of $1,970.00 from 2006/2007 salary of $56,740.00.

The Mahaska County Treasurer will receive $45,880.00 for 2007/2008, an increase of $1,540.00 from 2006/2007 salary of $44,340.00.

The Mahaska County Supervisors will each receive $26,930.00 for 2007/2008, an increase of $910.00 from 2006/2007 salary of $26,020.00.

The matter of the real estate purchase will be investigated further.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to appoint Leon Mitchell Union Township Trustee and Dan Gruber as Union Township Clerk. All present voted aye.

The board drew Greg Scott as Jefferson Township Trustee and Michael Sexton as Monroe Township Trustee.

Two bids were received for the Mowing Tractor:

Drost Equipment, Inc. $41,136.08
Oskaloosa Implement, Inc. $42,705.00

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the recommendation of the engineer to purchase the John Deere Tractor from Drost Equipment for $41,136.08. All present voted aye. Motion carried.
It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy 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