August 20, 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 and member – Greg Gordy. Also present were the following: Duane Nollen, Oskaloosa Herald; Miranda Johnson, Mahaska County Rural Development; Diane Upton Crookham, Mahaska County Recorder; Joleen Arnold, Mahaska County CPC; Paul DeGeest, Mahaska County Sheriff; Brian Knutdson, Mahaska County GIS Coordinator; Larry Septer, Mahaska County Jail Administrator; Michael Gipple, Mahaska County Conservation Director; Jerome Nusbaum, Mahaska County Engineer; Tim Massier, Zeigler; and Joel Davidson, Road Machinery & Supplies; 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 vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the minutes for August 6th and 7th. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden that the Recorder contact the Mahaska County Historical Society to see if they were interested in Militia Register books that had been found in the attic. All present voted aye. Motion carried. There were 6 books – Book 1 years 1865-1875; Book 2 years 1876-1882; Book 3 years 1883-1887 with some from 1898; Book 4 – years 1888-1900; Book 5 – years 1901-1915 and Book 6 – years 1916-1934. The Historical Society will accept the books.

Miranda Johnson, Mahaska County Agricultural and Rural Development Coordinator gave the board her monthly report.

Joleen Arnold, Mahaska County CPC discussed office space with the board. No decisions were made today.

Sheriff Paul DeGeest and Larry Septer Jail Administrator discussed the upgrade for the Jail Video Camera System. The Sheriff recommended that they purchase the upgrade from Racom for $40,802.00 from the room and board collected from prisoners. It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to purchase this system. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to accept the donation of land in Oskaloosa for the Mahaska County Conservation Board. All present voted aye. Motion carried.
It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to deny the request of the Conservation board to abate the taxes on the Caldwell property for fiscal year 2007 in the amount of $1444.00. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the request for the Crop Walk to be held on October 14, 2007. The walk will begin at the fairgrounds, proceed North on Green Street to access the bike path, and then on to Edmundson Park. Proper insurance coverage is on file. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to deny the request to abate taxes on Lots 7 and 8 of Block 5 of Snell’s Addition to the Town of Sharon, Iowa. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The matter of the health screening for employees was noted that there are some who are on vacation out of state.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to withdraw the motion made on July 2, 2007 to purchase the AS 400 model 520 from Solutions and now purchase the AS 400 model 515 which is cheaper and a better machine. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

10:00 Open bids for Motor Grader.

    Mid Country Machinery, Inc. to purchase from County the 1997 John Deere Model 770CH Motor grader for $47,700.00

    Road Machinery & Supplies Co. Komatsu Model GD655-380 - $185,082.00 less trade in of $55,000.00 for the 1997 Motor grader - $130,082.00.

    Zeigler Caterpillar Model 140H - $208,436.00 less trade in of 40,000.00 for the 1997 Motor grader - $168,436.00.

    Zeigler Caterpillar Model 140M - $221,760.00 less trade in of $40,000.00 for the 1997 Motor grader - $181,760.00.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the recommendation of the County Engineer to purchase the Caterpillar Model 140H for $208,436.00 from Zeigler and to sell the 1997 motor grader to Mid Country Machinery for $47,700.00. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The matter of the Pet Resolution was dropped.

Chairman Rouw presented a Certificate of Membership to Mahaska County from Area 15 Regional Planning Commission for fiscal year 2007-2008.
It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to adjourn today’s meeting.
All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Lawrence Rouw, Chairman
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors

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Kay Swanson, Mahaska County Auditor