April 21, 2008

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met on the above date in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the Mahaska County courthouse. Present were the following board members: Chairman – Henry W. VanWeelden; vice chairman – Greg Gordy and member – Lawrence Rouw. Also present were the following: Scott Dailey, KBOE Radio; Duane Nollen, Oskaloosa Herald; Miranda Johnson, Mahaska County Agricultural and Rural Development Director; Don Russell, Mahaska County Sanitarian; Trevor Wells, Mahaska County Deputy Sheriff; Duane Vos, Racom Company; Troy Bemis, Mahaska County Maintenance Dept., Jerome Nusbaum, Mahaska County Engineer; Tom O’Brien, Auxiant; Donielle Jarvela, Auxiant; Linda Forsythe, Richard Adams, Kathy Anderson, Insurance Committee members; and Kay Swanson, Mahaska County Auditor. This meeting was filmed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University.

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

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Rouw to approve the agenda for today’s meeting with the addition of the quarterly report for the Recorder. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Rouw to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 7, 2008. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Miranda Johnson, Mahaska County Agricultural and Rural Development Director gave the board her monthly reports for March and April to be placed on file.

Don Russell, Mahaska County Sanitarian gave the board his monthly report. An amendment to the ordinance was discussed. Don will get the information ready for next month.

The sheriff received two quotes for the courthouse security cameras:

One from Racom Critical Communications, 2458 Hwy 163, Pella, IA for $21,135.75  Duane Vos from Racom Critical Communications was present to answer questions.

One from Johnson Controls, 11318 Aurora Avenue, Urbandale, IA for $27,685.00.

Trevor Wells, Mahaska County Deputy Sheriff reported that the Sheriff (Paul R. DeGeest) was recommending the bid from Racom for $21,135.75. Duane Vos from Racom Critical Communications explained the different cameras and equipment to the board. It was moved by Gordy seconded by Rouw to approve the recommendation of the
Sheriff to award the quote to Racom Critical Communications. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom O’Brien and Donielle Jarvela from Auxiant discussed the Employee Health Insurance with the board. It was moved by Gordy seconded by Rouw to set the Specific Deductible at $45,000.00 and the Stop Loss Carrier to be AIG for fiscal year 2008-2009. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by Gordy to set the rates for fiscal year 2008-2009 for medical insurance for single policy at $523.00 per month and $1215.00 per month for family coverage. The dental and vision rates will remain the same. (Single dental $30.00, Family dental $70.00 and single vision $11.00 and family $22.00). All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The possibility of continuing the wellness program was discussed with members of the health insurance committee, (Linda Forsythe, Kathy Anderson and Richard Adams). Discussion was if we wanted to remain with the current company or to look for a different one. Donielle Jarvela from Auxiant will get more information and set up a meeting with the insurance committee for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

During the work session with the engineer:

The engineer gave the board a copy of a letter from Snyder and Associates concerning project no. BHS-CO62(55)--63-62 Eveland Access Bridge over the Des Moines River. No action was taken on this matter.

The engineer discussed the need for an additional employee because of all the extra workload the weather has caused. They are falling behind in their work.

Discussed the amount of comp time his employees have accumulated and how to use it all before June 30th.

The work session ended.

The matter of the contracts for Iowa Interactive was tabled.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Rouw to approve the monthly reports for February and March and the 3rd Quarter report for fiscal year 2007-2008 for the Veterans Affairs Commission. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by Gordy to approve the 3rd quarter report for the Recorder for fiscal year 2007-2008. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by Gordy to correct the minutes of November 19, 2007 concerning the tax abatement on a property in New Sharon. The minutes should
have read parcel no. 02-13-458-005 instead of the tax receipt numbers. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The matter of zoning will be discussed at a later date. They will get more information.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Rouw to adjourn today’s meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

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Henry W. VanWeelden, Chairman
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:________________________________
Kay Swanson, Mahaska County Auditor