March 2, 2009

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 – Greg Gordy; vice chairman – Lawrence Rouw and member – Henry W. VanWeelden. Also present were the following: Duane Nollen, Oskaloosa Herald; Sone Scott, Mahaska County Treasurer; Michael Gipple, Mahaska County Conservation Director; Larry Linsley; Jerome Nusbaum; Mahaska County Engineer and Kay Swanson, Mahaska County Auditor.

This meeting was filmed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University.

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

It was moved by Rouw seconded by VanWeelden to approve the agenda with the addition of a memo from Auxiant and approval of liquor license for Tassel Ridge Winery. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by VanWeelden to approve the minutes of February 17th, 20th and 24th. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by VanWeelden to approve the bills for February in the amount of $535,754.44 and payroll in the amount of $478,519.07. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by VanWeelden to approve the request of Sone Scott, Mahaska County Treasurer to place Mary VanEngelenhoven on the payroll part-time in the tax department for the property tax season at $7.50 per hour beginning March 23, 2009. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by VanWeelden to approve the request of Sone Scott, Mahaska County Treasurer to place Becky Ford on the payroll part-time in the tax department for the property tax season at $7.50 per hour beginning March 23, 2009. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The matter of the reappointment of the member to the Judicial Magistrate Nominating Committee was tabled.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Rouw to approve the application for Pheasants Forever, Inc Class A Liquor license for a 5 day permit effective March 27, 2009. This is for a one day event to be held at the National Guard Armory. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Rouw to approve the application for Larry Engbers d/b/a as Larry’s Berries and Vi’s Vines located at 1155 Hwy 102, Pella,
IA 50219 for Class B Native Wine Permit effective May 3, 2009 and expiring May 2, 2010. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Rouw to approve the application for Tassel Ridge Winery L.L.C. located at 1681 220th Street, Leighton, IA 50143 for Class C Native Wine Permit effective May 1, 2009 and expiring April 30, 2010. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by VanWeelden to approve the proposal for Tiling at the Mahaska County Farm by Marvin and Scott VanVeldhuizen not to exceed $5000.00. The VanVeldhuizen’s are tenants of the land at the county farm. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden to approve the memo from Auxiant for the Occupational Exclusion. The motion died for lack of a second.

9:30 a.m. It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Rouw to open the public hearing for the fiscal year 2009-2010 Mahaska County Budget. All present voted aye. Motion carried. There was present a quorum as required by law. Thereupon the board investigated and found that the notice of time and place of public hearing have according to law and as directed by the Board, has been published in the Oskaloosa Herald on February 18, 2009, The Village Vine on February 19, 2009 and The New Sharon Sun on February 19, 2009 official newspapers in said county, and the affidavit of said publication is on file with the Mahaska County Auditor. There were no written comments. Chairman Gordy explained the tax levies and fund balances. It was moved by Rouw seconded by VanWeelden to close the public hearing. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden to adopt the fiscal year 2009-2010 Mahaska County Budget as presented. The County Auditor was thereupon directed to properly certify the budget as adopted and file as required by law. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Expenditures by Service Area:**

Public Safety and Legal Services $2,760,917; Physical Health and Social Services $888,372; Mental Health, MR& DD $2,699,999; County Environment and Education $883,696; Roads & Transportation $4,967,000; Government Services to Residents $629,869; Administration $1,362,581; Nonprogram Current $1,028,150; Debt Service $8,490; Capital Projects $10,000; Operating Transfers Out $1,646,197.

**Revenues by Service Area:**

Net Property Taxes $6,711,321; Delinquent Property Tax Revenue $1,900; Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes $9,700; Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues $1,576,483;
Intergovernmental $4,726,550; Licenses & Permits $24,600; Charges for Services $533,885; Use of Money & Property $556,919; Miscellaneous $347,400; Operating Transfers In $1,646,197.

Expenditures by Department:

Non departmental $3,358,048; Board of Supervisors $163,134; Auditor $402,766; Treasurer $413,990; Attorney $259,016; Sheriff $1,042,235; Recorder $152,096; Sheriff’s Forfeiture $6,600; Courthouse Annex $42,010; GIS Coordinator $80,272; Engineer $4,972,000; Veterans Affairs $68,374; Conservation $594,857; Public Health Nursing $180,700; Roadside Vegetation Management $145,493; Community Services $162,626; County Care Facility $17,720; Medical Examiner $45,700; Correctional Services $878,122; District Court $340,321; Libraries $46,550; Mahaska Building $20,040; Environmental Services $89,850; Pioneer Cemeteries $5,000; Crime Prevention $95,483; Law Enforcement $135,387; Courthouse $168,101; Information Technology $57,420; Drivers License $106,016; Substance Abuse Treatment $66,795; Mental Health $2,699,999; Human Services Administration $68,550.

Revenues by Department:

Non Departmental $1,096,980; Auditor $31,700; Treasurer $579,600; Sheriff $116,550; Recorder $123,875; Sheriff’s Forfeiture $5,000; Engineer $4,605,084; Conservation Board $169,460; Public Health Nursing $55,000; Roadside Vegetation Management $13,000; Community Services $3,400; County Care Facility $56,069; Correctional Services $41,900; District Court $14,500; Mahaska Building $23,800; Environmental Services $35,050; Crime Prevention $90,500; Law Enforcement Center $102,000; Drivers License $51,000; Mental Health $751,173; Human Services Administration $55,000; Property Taxes $8,114,314.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by Van Weelden to make the following designations for the unreserved fund balance in the fiscal year 2009-2010 Mahaska County Budget: AS/400 Computer $35,000.00; Mapping Expenditures $15,000.00; Courthouse building and grounds $200,000.00; Future Conservation Nature Center $20,000.00 Total $270,000.00 All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Van Weelden seconded by Rouw to approve the following resolution concerning Economic Development funding in the Mahaska County Budget for fiscal year 2009-2010. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Economic Development Funding Resolution No. 2009-03-01**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Mahaska County Board of Supervisors that:

1. The state of Iowa generally and the Mahaska County, Iowa, in particular have in the past several years experienced adverse economic effects, including the loss of businesses and erosion of tax base and out-migration of population.
2. The economy of Mahaska County is not sufficiently diversified to provide a stable economic base but is in large part dependent on agriculture and agribusiness.

3. The current economic problems in the agriculture and agribusiness industries have reached sufficiently serious proportions that the general welfare of the citizens of the County is threatened thereby.

4. It is therefore in the best interest of the citizens of Mahaska County, Iowa to take steps reasonably calculated to lead to diversified economic development in Mahaska County, Iowa.

5. That Mahaska County does not have sufficient resources to hire a Director of Economic development as a county employee and lacks sufficient resources to effectively operate an economic development program on its own.

6. Other cities and counties in Iowa, re-engaging in economic development efforts.

7. Therefore, Mahaska County, Iowa finds that it is in the best interests of its citizens to cooperate with the cities in Mahaska County, Iowa and the Oskaloosa Area Chamber & Development Group, a non-profit corporation, as well as other organizations which may arise in order to promote diversified economic development in Mahaska County, Iowa.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mahaska County, Iowa has and will continue to support in efforts to enhance economic development by its financial contribution to such effects as Oskaloosa Area Chamber & Development, Rural Utility Service Systems; Mahaska Community Recreation Foundation; Mahaska County Agricultural and Rural Development and Tri County Development.

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Chairman, Mahaska County
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: ________________________
Kay Swanson, Mahaska County Auditor

Mahaska County Engineer, Jerome Nusbaum presented the board members each a copy of the East Central Iowa Transportation Coalition Phase 1 Documentation.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by VanWeelden to adjourn today’s meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.
Greg Gordy, Chairman
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Kay Swanson, Mahaska County Auditor