The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met in special 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 Mark Doland; Vice chairman Henry VanWeelden, and Member Mike Vander Molen. Also present were Duane Nollen, Osky Herald; Ken Allsup, Osky News; Emery Songer, KBOE; Eduardo Zamarripa, CRI; R.D. Keep, The Sun; Heather Gross, Julie Bak, Mid-Iowa Behavioral Health; Jan LaBahn, Mahaska Health Partnership; Sharon Watson and Susan Brown, Mahaska County Auditor.

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

Chairman Doland opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with a moment of silence.

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

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Vander Molen to approve fireworks application from Flashing Thunder to be displayed on August 1, 2015 at 1041 Cordova Ave, Lynnville, IA. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Vander Molen to approve use of courthouse restrooms on July 25, 2015 for Rollin Oldies Car Show. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public comments: Jan LaBahn and Heather Gross both encouraged the board to consider membership in the mental health region contiguous to the south (Wapello, Davis, Appanoose) if the decision was made to realign.

Chairman Doland outlined options due to Iowa Department of Human Services direction for Mahaska and Marion County to prepare and submit a plan by August 1, 2015 to align with a contiguous mental health region. DHS Director Charles Palmer did not grant authorization to continue as a two county Mid-Iowa Behavioral Health Region. 1. Appeal; 2. Merge with 10 county region to the north; 3. Merge with 3 county region to the south. It was moved by Vander Molen seconded by Doland to appeal. Vander Molen aye. Doland aye. VanWeelden nay. Motion carried. No action was taken on considering appointment to new region.

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

Attest: _________________________________ _________________________________
Susan L. Brown                             Mark Doland
Mahaska County Auditor                       Mahaska County Board of Supervisors