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 Mark Doland; Vice chairman Henry VanWeelden and Member Mark Groenendyk. Also present were Jeff Forward, Osky Herald; Eduardo Zamarripa, Jason Madison, CRI; Ken Allsup, Osky News; Dave Sedivec, Co Conservation; Dave Shanahan, Co Engineer; Jamey Robinson, EMA Director; Deann DeGroot, MCARD; Sam Maas, MHP; Brooks VanderBeek, Iowa Natural Heritage Fdn.; Russ Van Renterghem, Co Sheriff; Beth Danowsky; John Bandstra; Alven Meppelink; and Susan Brown, Mahaska County Auditor.

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

Chairman Doland opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with a moment of silence.

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

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by VanWeelden to approve minutes for February 6 meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Dave Sedivec presented monthly report for Conservation Dept and it was placed on file.

Deann DeGroot, MCARD, presented monthly report and it was placed on file.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Groenendyk to approve the appointment of Sabrina Orte as a Mahaska County medical examiner investigator as recommended by Dr. Matt Whitis of Mahaska Health Partnership. Sam Maas represented MHP at the meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Groenendyk to approve a five day Class C liquor license (commercial) for Sodexo effective April 1, 2017. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Doland to designate and approve proposal from Daniel Gonnerman as legal counsel for the board on matters of 28E with cities of Oskaloosa and Pella for Regional Airport. County Attorney Blomgren has notified the board of a conflict of interest in this matter. Doland aye. VanWeelden nay. Groenendyk aye. Motion carried.

Brooks Vander Beek, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, to consider approving a resolution of support for legislation to fund the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. The trust was created through a constitutional amendment
approved by Iowa voters in 2010 and could be a support to local conservation programs and facilities.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by VanWeelden to approve the recommendation of the engineer in increasing the wage of three probationary employees as the probation period has expired. Zachary Neff and Pat Scanlon will go to full wage of $21.05/hr and Virgil Patterson will go to full wage of $21.60/hr all effective February 26, 2017. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Committee reports: VanWeelden – Recreation Foundation committee had annual meeting. Possible dust control for road near sports complex. Doland – RFP’s were sent out regarding transitional housing. 1st Resources was approved. AmeriHealth may begin doing case management threatening Mahaska Co Case Management’s viability. Groenendyk – EMA Commission/E911 is researching communication system upgrade for the county.

Public comments: Dave Sedivec spoke again to the board re: Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund.

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

Attest: ____________________________

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