

January 7, 2002

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met on the above date at 9:00 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the Mahaska County courthouse. The following Board members were present: Howard Groenendyk, Henry W. VanWeelden, Greg Gordy. Also present were the following: Jon Lubke, Information Technology Dept.; Kay Swanson, County Auditor and Lawrence Rouw. Chairman Groenendyk called the meeting to order with a moment of silence.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the agenda with the removal of the item to approve minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the bills for December in the amount of \$1,121,275.06 and payroll in the amount of \$345,068.67. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to appoint Henry W. VanWeelden as chairperson for 2002. All ayes. Motion carried. It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by VanWeelden to appoint Greg Gordy as Vice-Chair for 2002. All ayes. Motion carried. Chairman VanWeelden took over the meeting at this time.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to set the first Monday and third Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. for the regular meeting dates and that other meetings will be held as necessary. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Gordy that following the board meeting on the third Monday of each month that a working session be held with the Engineer. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk that in the absence of the Chairman any of the Board members have the authority to sign documents for the County. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to name the Auditor and the Board of Supervisors as custodians of the courthouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to set the following 9 ½ days for holidays for when the courthouse will be closed in 2002. All ayes. Motion carried. New Years Day January 1st, Presidents Day February 18th, Memorial Day May 27th, Independence Day July 4th; Labor Day September 2nd, Veterans Day November 11th; Thanksgiving Day and Friday after November 28th and 29th, ½ day Christmas Eve Day December 24th and Christmas Day December 25th. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by VanWeelden to reappoint Kay Swanson, Auditor and Greg Gordy, Supervisor as Trustee and Alternate respectively to the Heartland Risk Insurance Board. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to name the Oskaloosa Herald, New Sharon Star and Fremont Gazette as the official newspapers for the year 2002 for Mahaska County. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to approve the following resolution naming the depositories for County funds for the various offices for 2002 and till there is a need to increase the same. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORIES

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Mahaska County approved the following list of financial institutions to be depositories for the Mahaska County funds in conformance with all applicable provisions of Chapter 12C of the 2001 Code of Iowa as amended. The Treasurer, Sheriff, Recorder and Auditor are hereby authorized to deposit the Mahaska County funds in amounts not to exceed the maximum approved for each respective financial institution as set out below:

Treasurer:

Mahaska State Bank, Oskaloosa, Iowa	\$25,000,000.00
Iowa Trust and Savings Bank, Oskaloosa, Iowa	10,000,000.00
Bank Iowa – Fremont – Oskaloosa, Iowa	1,000,000.00
Firststar – New Sharon, Iowa	1,000,000.00
Horizon Federal Savings Bank, Oskaloosa, Iowa	1,000,000.00
Leighton State Bank, Leighton, Iowa	1,000,000.00

Sheriff:

Mahaska State Bank, Oskaloosa, Iowa	\$1,000,000.00
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Recorder:

Mahaska State Bank, Oskaloosa, Iowa	\$ 200,000.00
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Auditor:

Mahaska State Bank \$10,000.00 for Jackson Cemetery Association Time Certificates.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Gordy to reappoint Joleen Nelson Arnold to the Board of Health with no voting privileges. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Gordy to reappoint Joleen Nelson Arnold to the Planning Council. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to reappoint Chris Snyder as the Weed Commissioner for Mahaska County. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to accept the resignation of Jim Sandholt from the Mahaska County Board of Health and to appoint Jon Lubke to fill the unexpired term until December 31, 2002. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by VanWeelden to reappoint Randy DeGeest and Greg Gordy to the Mahaska County Board of Health with terms expiring December 31, 2004. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to reappoint Judy Swanson and LeRoy Nugteren to the Pioneer Cemetery Commission with terms ending December 31, 2004. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to leave the committees that the Supervisors serve on to remain the same as last year. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

E911 Service Board - chairman
Secondary Road Union - chairman
County Conference Board - chairman
Courthouse Security Committee - chairman

Henry W. VanWeelden:

Oskaloosa Chamber of Commerce
Juvenile Detention Commission for 8th Judicial District
Pathfinders
South Iowa Area Crime Prevention
Workforce Development
New Directions
Southeast Iowa Response Team
Social Services Commission
Empowerment Board
Regional Utilities System
Emergency Management
Area Agency on Aging
DECAT

Howard Groenendyk:

Eighth Judicial District
Mahaska Development
Area 15 Regional Planning Commission
Transportation-21
Ten-Fifteen (10-15) Transit Board
Mahaska Community Recreation Foundation
Team Mahaska
28E Southeast Iowa Consortium Contracting Board

Greg Gordy:

Mahaska County Board of Health
Southern Iowa Economic Development Association
Iowa State Association of Counties
Mahaska County Humane Society
Indian Hills Community College Regional Development Commission
Mahaska County Solid Waste Commission
Mahaska/Wapello Planning Council
Heartland Insurance Risk Pool
Law Enforcement Committee (City-County)

It was noted that it would be a good idea to hear a report of these committees at the 2nd meeting of each month.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Gordy to reappoint Jeannie Bieri to the Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter Board for a two year term ending December 31, 2003. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman VanWeelden tabled the matter of Karr Tuckpointing until a later date.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to approve the quarterly reports of the Auditor and Sheriff for the quarter ended December 31, 2001. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the contract for the county engineer with Jerome Nusbaum for a period of February 1, 2002 thru June 30, 2004. Salary will be \$66,906.00 for fiscal year 2002; \$70,920.00 for fiscal year 2003 and \$75,175.00 for fiscal year 2004. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Gordy to allow the new county engineer to work Tuesday and Thursday for his former employer with adjusted pay for Feb. 12th and 14th; Feb 19th and 21st; Feb 26th and 28th and March 5th and 7th. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to approve the request of the sheriff to place Trevor Wells on the payroll as deputy sheriff effective January 2, 2002 at a salary of \$36,250.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Gordy to approve the following resolution. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATURE AMEND THE CODE OF IOWA TO RETURN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT TO THE COUNTIES

WHEREAS a plan has been proposed by the Judicial Council of the State of Iowa to restructure the Court System in Iowa; and

WHEREAS the plan would require that approximately 70 rural Clerk of the District Court offices be closed except for trials and magistrate court sessions; and

WHEREAS criminal prosecutions would take place at a court service center requiring extensive travel at great additional expense to the victims of crimes, witnesses, law enforcement personnel and county taxpayers; and

WHEREAS the residents of Mahaska County and other rural counties would be required to travel additional miles to obtain court services and pay additional taxes to fund the additional travel by court officials; and

WHEREAS the Clerks of Court were for many years elected county officials funded in part by criminal fines and court costs collected by those offices; and

WHEREAS after the Clerks of Court became state employees, the fines began to go to the State; and

WHEREAS functions of the Court should serve the citizens of this State and not the Court Officials; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the residents of Mahaska County and the residents of other rural counties that Court services be provided efficiently and locally; and

WHEREAS it appears that the State Judicial Branch is unable or unwilling to budget and provide for adequate court services to rural residents; and

WHEREAS local county government has proven itself to be able to provide competent and efficient services to county residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that the legislature amend the Code of Iowa to return the offices of the Clerks of the District Court to county control and further provide that the criminal fine moneys and costs collected by the respective Clerks be again remitted to the counties to fund the offices of the Clerk of District Court.

Passed this 7th day of January, 2002.

Chairman

Member

Member

Attested by Auditor

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to approve the 4,904 applications for Family Farm tax credit; 1,405 applications for Military tax credit and 5,542 applications for Homestead Credits for the year 2002 -2003. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Gordy to deny the application for Family Farm Tax Credit for Ronald W. Hoy because he was not eligible. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Gordy to table the matter of the revised Pro-Map proposal until later. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to approve the agreement with the City of Oskaloosa. All ayes. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT

By and between the City of Oskaloosa and Mahaska County;

The City of Oskaloosa and Mahaska County entered into an agreement dated June 15, 1987 (copy attached) regarding repayment by the City of Oskaloosa to Mahaska County for expenses related to the paving of 35th Street if the City of Oskaloosa annexed land adjacent to the street. The City of Oskaloosa did annex land in 1999 in conjunction with the World Food Park development. Due to this annexation, it has been calculated that the City of Oskaloosa should reimburse Mahaska County in the amount of \$53,655.17.

The City of Oskaloosa and Mahaska County agree that this amount shall be paid in three installments as follows:

Payment 1: On or before January 15, 2002 - \$17,885.06

Payment 2: On or before October 15, 2002 - \$17,885.06

Payment 3: On or before October 15, 2003 - \$17,995.05

Passed and approved this 17th day of December, 2001.

CITY OF OSKALOOSA

Mayor

City Clerk

Passed and approved this 7th day of January, 2002.,

MAHASKA COUNTY

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

County Auditor

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to table the matter of the Francis Bunting property for more information. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman, Mahaska County Board of
Supervisors

Attest: _____
Kay Swanson, Mahaska County Auditor