

**May 17, 2004**

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. Present were the following board members: Chairman, Lawrence Rouw; Vice Chairman, Henry W. VanWeelden and Member, Greg Gordy. Also present were the following: Caleb and Helen Hargis; Elvin Fisk; Kerry and Jill Lake from the Union Mills area, Matt Boeck, Mahaska County GIS Coordinator; Troy Bemis, Courthouse and Jail Maintenance Employee; Michelle Moore and Brooke Hunsiker, Mahaska County Ag and Rural Development Committee; Don Russell, County Sanitarian; Jerry Nusbaum, County Engineer; Sarah McCain, Oskaloosa Herald; Howard Gay, Rick Cady, Mike Rodwell, John Davis, Jim Smith, Mike Taylor, Secondary Road Employees; Kim Miller, Secondary road union representative; Charles VanToorn, Sheriff; Kathy Anderson, Kathy Blumhagen and Trevor Wells, Sheriff's Department; Joleen Arnold, CPC; Kirby Moss, Employee Group Services; Sone Scott, County Treasurer; Kay Swanson, County Auditor.

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

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the agenda with the addition of the Proclamation for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the minutes of the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Performance of maintenance employee Troy Bemis was discussed. It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to increase the salary of Troy Bemis \$.50 per hour effective May 17<sup>th</sup> as previously agreed upon in November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Michelle Moore from the Mahaska County Agricultural and Development Committee and Brooke Hunsiker, summer intern for MCARD and MCRF discussed the summer program. Brooke will be working with the cities on taking pictures of their activities. Brooke will be here thru July, 2004.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the monthly report for April, 2004 for the Veteran Affairs Commission. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the request of the weed commissioner to publish the weed notice for 2004. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the following proclamation. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

**A Proclamation from the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors and the Oskaloosa Optimist Club Recognizing June as Optimist International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**

**Whereas**, cancer takes the lives of more children than any other disease today; and

**Whereas**, 10,000 children in North America alone will be diagnosed with cancer this year, one third of which will die; and

**Whereas**, childhood cancer spares no one, affecting kids from every socioeconomic background; and

**Whereas**, Optimist International and the Oskaloosa Optimist Club prides itself on “Bringing Out the Best in Kids” and is firmly dedicated to ridding the world of childhood cancer through the Childhood Cancer Campaign;

**Therefore**, we the Board of Supervisors of Mahaska County, Iowa, do hereby proclaim June as Optimist International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. We invite all citizens of Mahaska County and members of the Oskaloosa Optimist Club to unite in our quest to rid the world of childhood cancer.

**In Witness whereof**, be it hereunto resolved, this seventeenth day of May, in the year two thousand four.

Here proclaimed:

s/ Lawrence Rouw

s/Henry W. VanWeelden

s/Greg Gordy

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the Renewal license for off-premise liquor, wine or beer for Casey’s General Store #1026, 2023 Indian Way (Beacon) Oskaloosa, IA. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The board discussed window security for the basement windows. They will investigate and discuss again on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Helen and Caleb Hargis; Kerry and Jill Lake and Elvin Fisk discussed the road from Hwy 63 to Union Mills and to the cemetery road. They would like it to be hard surfaced. The distance would be approximately 4 miles. No decisions were made today.

The proposal from CMS was tabled.

The proposal from Solutions was tabled until June 7<sup>th</sup>.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the maintenance training school in Ames for Troy for one day (July 28<sup>th</sup>). All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Kirby Moss from Employee Group Services, Ltd. discussed health insurance savings programs with the board. Kirby will get more information and come back again at a later date. No decisions were made today.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to stay with the current stop loss carrier for health insurance and to place the stop loss at \$45,000.00 with Pacific Life. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The board discussed the issue of a new phone system for the CPC's office after they move to their new offices. Joleen and Matt would check into a separate phone system for them.

The engineer gave the board a copy of a letter he had sent to the North Mahaska Community School in regard to closing of 135<sup>th</sup> street at the Union Pacific/Chicago NorthWestern underpass at the east edge of the school property.

The engineer will purchase a Vermeer Gator Mower from Oskaloosa Implement with the proceeds of the sale of surplus trailer.

Truck bids were opened at 11:00 a.m.

Cedar Rapids Mack, Inc.	\$70,361.57
Housby Mack, Inc. Des Moines	69,690.00
Truck Country Cedar Rapids	69,350.00

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the recommendation of the county engineer to purchase the Housby Mack- Des Moines truck not to exceed \$69,690.00. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The secondary road department will donate labor and equipment to prepare the track at the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds for the Southern Iowa Tractor Pull August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Auditor