

December 20, 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: Eric Coop, Oskaloosa Herald; Michelle Moore, Mahaska County Agricultural and Rural Development Committee; Matt Boeck, GIS Coordinator; Perry Lund, ArrowQuick; Debbie Stevens; Charles Stream; Christina Straube; Wayland Straube; Matt Moore; Jerry Nusbaum, Linda Forsythe and Kay Swanson, Mahaska 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. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the minutes of December 6, 2004. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Michelle Moore from the Mahaska County Agricultural and Rural Development Committee gave the board her monthly report. She discussed the grants that had been done for a restroom facility at the fairground and a building at the Nelson Pioneer Farm.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Rouw to approve the contract with ArrowQuick for information technology services beginning January 1, 2005. Two – Aye One – Nay. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the Risk Pool Agreement for Heartland Insurance Risk Pool. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Rouw to approve the appointment of Randy DeGeest and Greg Gordy to the Board of Health for three year terms expiring December 31, 2007. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by VanWeelden to reduce the recommendation of the Compensation Board for salaries of the elected officials by 50% for each official. Attorney; Auditor; Recorder Sheriff, Treasurer and Supervisors. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

10:00 a.m. It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to open the Public Hearing for the Update to the Comprehensive Plan. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

There were no written or oral comments.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to close the public hearing. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to adopt the Update to the Comprehensive Plan. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The board discussed the matter of health insurance coverage for the newborn coverage. It was moved by VanWeelden to pay the claims for Christina Straube twins born on May 21, 2004. Motion died for lack of second.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the request of the Engineer to hire Linda D. Forsythe as office manager beginning December 20, 2004 at \$12.00 per hour. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by VanWeelden to approve the request of the Engineer to hire Reid Stevens as Engineering Technician beginning January 3, 2005 at \$11.57 per hour for 6 months then \$13.01 for the next 6 months. The position will end at December 31, 2005. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by VanWeelden to increase the hourly rate to \$13.75 effective January 3, 2005 for Troy Bemis and to name him as Head Maintenance Person. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Lawrence Rouw, Chairman
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Kay Swanson, Mahaska County Auditor