

**January 20, 2014**

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 ó Mike Vander Molen; Vice chairman ó Mark Doland; Member ó Greg Gordy. Also present were Duane Nollen, Osky Herald; Eduardo Zamarripa, Aaron Riggs, CRI; Ken Allsup, Osky News; Deann DeGroot, MCARD; Julie Bak, Mahaska County CPC; Brian Knudtson, Mahaska County GIS; Dave Sedivec, Mahaska County Conservation Director; Eric Dursky, Mahaska County Sanitarian; Jerry Nusbaum, Mahaska County Engineer; Deann DeGroot, MCARD; Michael Schrock, Andrew Jensen, Beth Danowsky, Jon Sullivan, Tom Walling, Andrew Davis, Dan Gleason, Henry VanWeelden, Alvan Meppelink, Joe Crookham and Susan Brown, Mahaska County Auditor.

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

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

It was moved by Doland seconded by Gordy to approve the agenda for today's meeting with the addition of discussion of presented tax levy rates. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Doland to approve the minutes of January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Eric Dursky, Sanitarian, presented report to the board and it was placed on file.

Deann DeGroot, MCARD, presented report to the board and it was placed on file.

Dan Gleason, Mayor of Leighton, provided a letter signed by himself, George Toubekis, Mayor of University Park and Dave Krutzfeldt, Mayor of Oskaloosa asking that the board accept the idea that there are groups in the county that have a vested interest and that they consider involvement of the mayor's council and others in the county engineer selection process. He suggested a year long process which included extending the current engineer's employment to have adequate time for selection and training and also possibly a committee be formed made up of rural and city constituents that could have input into the process.

Dave Sedivic, Mahaska County Conservation, presented report to the board and it was placed on file.

The board accepted 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter reports from auditor, recorder, sheriff and veteran's affairs departments along with the semi-annual report from the treasurer.

It was moved by Doland seconded by Gordy to authorize permission for courthouse public restrooms to be open on the following dates as requested by the Oskaloosa Chamber: June 14<sup>th</sup> from 7 am to 5 pm; July 31<sup>st</sup> from noon to 9 pm; December 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm and December 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Doland to remove the designation of official newspaper for the Fremont-What Cheer Vine as it is no longer being published. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Julie Bak, Mahaska County CPC, discussed the need for computer replacement in her department as the operating system will soon not be HIPPA compliant. Board consensus was that she go ahead with purchase.

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

**Resolution # 2014-01-06**  
**Resolution Providing for the Financial Support of the**  
**Area 15 Regional Planning Commission**

WHEREAS, Chapters 28E and 473A of the State Code of Iowa, as amended, authorized the governing bodies of governmental units to cooperate in the operation of a regional planning commission; and

WHEREAS, by the Articles of Agreement signed on August 15, 1973, as amended, the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission did become the authorized planning agency for Service Delivery Area 15; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of Mahaska County is a part of the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission and has agreed to contribute \$.43 per capita, for a total amount equal to \$4,694.74, to cover financial operating costs of the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mahaska County, IA has designated Mark Doland, Official Representative; Greg Gordy, Alternate to serve on the Area 15 Regional Planning Board of Directors.

Agreed to this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014

Attest:s/Susan L. Brown, County Auditor                      s/Michael Vander Molen, Chairperson

It was moved by Vander Molen seconded by Gordy to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 subsection 1C at 9:50 a.m. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Doland seconded by Gordy to go back into open session at 10:01 a.m. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Doland seconded by Gordy to authorize the county attorney to have further discussion with Wapello County on the matter. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Doland seconded by Gordy to authorize the chair to execute document for NRCS providing assurances relating to real property acquisition on the following projects: NRCS DSR 13325-01, 02, 04, 05, & 07 (5 bridge sites in Mahaska County). All present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

**Resolution # 2014-01-07  
Setting Date and Time for  
Road Vacation Hearing**

WHEREIN it does appear that it will be to the public interest that the following described Secondary Roads, over which Mahaska County Board of Supervisors have jurisdiction, be vacated. Proceedings for the vacation thereof shall be instituted and date of hearing on said proposition that said highways be vacated should be fixed and notice thereof given.

Streets and Alleys in the Town of Lakonta (Truax) in Section 20, Township 74 North, Range 16 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Mahaska County, Iowa described as follows:

1. East Street between Block 4 and Block 10 and that part of Elm St. beginning at the SE Corner of Lot 6 Block 4, Thence South 70 ft., East 70 ft., North 70 ft., West 70 ft. to the point of beginning.
2. The alley in Block 10 and that part of Elm St. beginning at the SE Corner of Lot 7 Block 10, Thence South 70 ft., East 20 ft., North 70 ft., West 20 ft. to the point of beginning.
3. Plum Street between Block 5 and Block 8.
4. Plum Street between Block 10 and Block 9 and that part of Elm St. beginning at the SE Corner of lot 6 block 10, thence South 70 ft., East 70 ft., North 70 ft., West 70 ft. to the point of beginning.
5. The alley in Block 5.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proceedings for vacating said above described portions of county secondary highways be and the same are hereby instituted under and pursuant to provisions of section 306.10 ó 306.17 inclusive of the 2001 Code of Iowa, said hearing on the proposed vacating of portions of said highways shall be held in the Conference Room in the Mahaska County Court House in the City of Oskaloosa, Iowa at 9:30 a.m. Central Time on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February, 2014. Any persons interested therein may appear to object and be heard and the Mahaska County Auditor is hereby

directed to give notice of said time and place by publishing notice thereof in the official newspapers in the county not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date of said hearing and by mailing a copy of said notice by certified mail to all adjoining property owners, all utility companies whose facilities adjoin the road right of way and the State Department of Transportation, and that after said hearing said Board of Supervisors shall enter an order, either dismissing the proceedings or vacating and closing said portions of said highways, or any parts thereof, which event it shall determine and state in the order the amount of damages allowed to each claimant. Each highway or portion thereof shall be considered separately and a decision to allow or disallow shall in no way affect other highways or portions thereof described in this resolution.

Passed and approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

ATTEST: s/Susan L. Brown, County Auditor                      s/Michael Vander Molen, Chairman

Jerry Nusbaum, County Engineer, spoke to the board regarding continuation of his contract. He is currently in an approved one year extension through June 30, 2014. He would like to continue for a minimum of six months beyond the current extension at the same salary.

Discussion was held regarding tax levy rate information that was circulated at recent public events and published in the paper. Supervisor Gordy encouraged property owners to look at the bottom of their property tax statement to see the breakdown of taxes levied by entity.

No committee reports given.

Public Comments:

Alvan Meppelink thanked the board for installing a speaker in the conference room for board meetings.

Beth Danowsky, Joe Crookham, Dan Gleason, Michael Schrock, Andrew Jensen and Henry VanWeelden spoke in support of allowing at least a 6 month extension to county engineer's contract to allow for a smooth transition.

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan L. Brown  
Mahaska County Auditor

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Michael Vander Molen  
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors