

**October 1, 2001**

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, 106 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Oskaloosa, IA.

Present were the following board members: Howard Groenendyk, Henry W. VanWeelden, and Greg Gordy. Also present were the following: Dennis Luebbe, County Engineer; Kay Swanson, County Auditor; Joleen Arnold, CPC; Lori Faybink, Ottumwa Courier, and Diane Crookham-Johnson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Groenendyk with a moment of silence.

Diane Crookham-Johnson, Chairperson of Team Mahaska, spoke to the board on behalf of Team Mahaska. She thanked the board for their participation in the planning and developing of the Sales Tax Elections held on September 25<sup>th</sup> 2001 over the past two years. With the successful passage of 2 – one cent sales taxes at the September 25<sup>th</sup> election, our community is now ready to meet the needs of its citizens in the future. She also thanked Kay Swanson and her staff. She and her staff answered questions, coordinated absentee ballots and answered more questions with smiles and patience.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the agenda for today's meeting. All Ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the minutes for September 4<sup>th</sup>, September 14<sup>th</sup>, and September 17<sup>th</sup>. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the bills in the amount of \$1,146,466.00 and payroll in the amount of \$351,343.63 for September. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to accept the letter of resignation from County Engineer Dennis Luebbe effective October 26, 2001. All ayes. Motion carried. He has accepted a position with Rice County, Minnesota. His start date there is November 1, 2001. He thanked the board for their support and the opportunity to work with them to provide the citizens of Mahaska County, and the traveling public, with a safe, reliable and efficient local transportation system.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the Lease Agreement with Gene Fox for a storage building in Section 14, Prairie Township for a term of one year beginning October 1, 2001 for \$2000.00. All ayes. Motion carried. Mahaska County Secondary Road Department uses this building for storage of road equipment and fuel.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the agreement with Iowa Department of Transportation to authorize the use of federal funds to replace a bridge near the east ¼ cor. Sec. 9-76-17, FHWA #237580. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Groenendyk to approve the bid from Pro-Line Co., Inc. to construct a garage at the County Secondary Road site. All ayes. Motion carried. The building will be 36' x 70' x 10' high. It will house the engineering vehicles and lab equipment. Also will use it to store materials and equipment for the IRVM department. Construction costs will be \$26,146.00.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the recommendation of the County Engineer to accept the bid from McCulley Culvert, Inc. to construct a culvert on 255<sup>th</sup> St in Section 21 of Spring Creek Township for \$68,166.80. All ayes. Motion carried.

The engineer discussed the projects for FY'03's budget and 5-year construction plan with board. The Board should be making plans for these projects at this time.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the recommendation of the County engineer to hire Calhoun-Burns and Associates, Inc. to do consultation work on two bridge projects. (FHWA Bridge No. 236530 in Section 17 of Garfield Township and FHWA Bridge No. 237580 in Section 10 of Black Oak Township). All ayes. Motion carried.

The engineer discussed the 275<sup>th</sup> Street with the board the need to keep moving forward and getting more information on this project.

The engineer will begin putting figures together for next years budget as he has time before he leaves for his new job in Rice County, Minnesota.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the request of the Engineer to hire Josh Thornbrugh for the position of Maintenance and Equipment Operator. His appointment is subject to the successful passing of a physical and drug test. His pay will be \$14.45 per hour less the probationary period withholdings. (10% withheld for six months, then 5% for six more months). The effective date of this hire is October 1, 2001. All ayes. Motion carried

The matter of the bids for the removal of the modular home at the county farm property (2554 Ford Avenue) was tabled until next board meeting. Two bids were received. Leonard Grimm of 15828 J.J. Ave., Iowa Falls, IA bid \$3000.00 and Sunrise Housing, Inc. 14374 Hwy 65, Iowa Falls, IA bid \$3800.00.

Joleen Arnold, CPC for Mahaska County presented the board with her quarterly report for the first quarter of 2001-2002. The report outlines the number of mental health clients and the costs involved in serving those clients in the Mental Health program. The report was placed on file.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to close the courthouse all day on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December for the Christmas holiday. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the quarterly reports for the County Auditor and Sheriff for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2001-2002. All ayes. Motion carried.

Canvass of the Special Election held on September 25, 2001 was held. The election was for a 1-cent local option sales tax and a 1-cent local school infrastructure sales tax in Mahaska County. There were 14,305 eligible voters in Mahaska County on September 25<sup>th</sup>. The total number of voters was 5,069 which equaled 35.44% voter turnout. There were 1,144 absentee votes counted and 3,925 voters went to the polls on election day. It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the canvass as presented and to declare that the one – cent Local Option Sales Tax for fifteen years and the one-cent Sales Tax for School Infrastructure for ten years passed in Mahaska County. The sales taxes will be collected beginning January 1, 2002.. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Mahaska County, Iowa

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