

October 10, 2001

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met at 6:00 p.m. at the Pella Community Center at 712 Union Street in Pella, IA. Present were the following board members: Howard Groenendyk, Henry W. VanWeelden, Greg Gordy. Also present from Mahaska County were the following: Charles Stream, County Attorney; Kay Swanson, County Auditor; and Randy Pleima, Mahaska Rural Water. The meeting was conducted by the City Development Board. The City Development board members present were: Nita Taggart from Clarinda, IA; Dennis Plautz from Fort Dodge, IA; Barbara Brown from Cedar Falls, IA; James Halverson from Cedar Rapids, IA; and Harley Hiemstra from Kingsley, IA. Mr. Hiemstra is chair of the City Development Board. Local members of the development board present were: Roger DeWaard and Fred Koogler appointed by the City of Pella; Marvin Rollings appointed by Marion County Board of Supervisors and Jan VandeVoort appointed by Mahaska County Board of Supervisors.

The Development Board heard a presentation by Jim Twombly City Manager of Pella. He spoke of the reasons why Pella should annex a large portion of Marion County and approximately 160 acres of Mahaska County into Pella.

No one from the Region XV Regional Planning Commission or the Marion County Board of Supervisors spoke. The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors was represented by Charles Stream, Mahaska County Attorney. Mr. Stream spoke to the board opposing that that portion of Mahaska County be annexed into Pella. No services are to be provided by Pella to that area in Mahaska County. Mr. Randy Pleima from the Mahaska Rural Water stated that Mahaska Rural Water already services that area. Frank Smith from the Frank M. Smith Law Firm in Des Moines represented the Lake Prairie Twp. Group. This group opposes the annexation.

Members of the audience spoke in opposition to the annexation proposal.

The area in Mahaska County is part of the NW ¼ of Section 18 Township 76 Range 17 of Black Oak township. Mahaska County is opposed to this area being annexed into Pella.

No decisions were made at this meeting. The development board will meet again on December 13, 2001 at their office in Des Moines.

Howard Groenendyk, Chairman of the
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Kay Swanson, Mahaska County Auditor

