

**October 7, 2002**

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: Howard Groenendyk, Greg Gordy and Henry W. VanWeelden. Also present were the following: Don Russell Mahaska County Sanitarian; Charlotte Hockman, Sales Associate for Real Estate Depot; Lori Faybik, Ottumwa Courier; Joe Bates, Bates Funeral Home; Michael Systma Bates Funeral Home; Charles Stream, County Attorney; Kirby Moss, Account Representative for Employee Group Services; Sandy Richards, Lakonta resident; Connie Kitzman, Community Services Director; Jeff Wallerich, Huff Financial Group; Jerome Nusbaum, County Engineer; Kay Swanson, County Auditor

Chairman VanWeelden opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to approve the agenda with the deletion of the payroll request by Joleen Arnold. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to approve the minutes of the following board meetings September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Gordy to approve the bills for September in the amount of \$906,653.74 and payroll in the amount of \$382,605.46. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to approve the renewal license for on-premise liquor, wine or beer for Peppertree effective October 8, 2002; everything was in order for the renewal. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the City of Fremont's request for verification of support for the proposed 2003 CDBG housing rehabilitation program. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

**City of Fremont  
Request for Verification of Support  
For the Proposed  
2003 CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program**

I/we support the City of Fremont's attempt to secure a Community Development Block Grant for the purpose of providing housing rehabilitation assistance to our low to moderate-income homeowners. This program, if funded, can provide up to \$24,999 in rehabilitation assistance and additional funds to reduce the hazards associated with deteriorating painted surfaces containing lead.

The program, if funded, will improve the appearance of our community's housing stock, make homes safer to live in, and help towards making the City of Fremont a more attractive community for potential homebuyers.

Therefore, I hereby support this project as witnessed by my signature as it appears below.

Name of organization, business, or group: Mahaska County Board of Supervisors

Signature of Certifying Representative: s/Henry W. VanWeelden

Date Signed: October 7, 2002

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to approve the quarterly reports for the auditor and sheriff for the first quarter of fiscal year 2003. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The deposit agreement for the USDA, Rural Development was placed on file in the Auditor's office.

Jon Lubke discussed the hiring of a part-time person to assist the IT department with Mahaska County's growing information systems, which includes computers, networks, software and databases. This would be a local person on an hourly basis. He has \$5000.00 in his budget for extra help.

Don Russell discussed with the board the draft of the ordinance for private on-site wastewater treatment and disposal systems. The Board of Health has approved this draft ordinance on September 19, 2002. There will be a committee formed which will be the board of health to be responsible for inspections before the developer subdivides the land. A hearing date will be set for a public hearing on this ordinance.

Don Russell also discussed with the board the need for an additional employee in his department as soon as possible. The new employee would have the same duties as Don. Don will provide the board with a job description. This was tabled until October 21, 2002.

Charlotte Hockman from Real Estate Depot office spoke with Don Russell and the board concerning a possible subdivision of land south of Oskaloosa in Section 1, Township 74 and Range 16. Discussion was about the necessary sewer and water requirements.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Gordy to open the public hearing for the disposal of real estate. All present voted aye. Motion carried. There were no written or

oral objections. It was moved Groenendyk seconded by Gordy to close the hearing. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Groenendyk to approve the disposal of real estate of the property in Lakonta described as follows: All of Elm Street, beginning at the Southwest corner of Block 12, thence Easterly to the center of the alley of Block 12, and the S ½ of Elm Street, beginning at the center of the alley in Block 12, thence Easterly to the center of the alley in Block 3, and all of Elm Street, beginning at the center of the alley in Block 3, thence Easterly to the center of the alley in Block 4, and all of Main Street, beginning at the North line of Elm Street, thence Northerly to the North line of Lot 13, Block 4 all in the Town of Lakonta (Truax), Mahaska County, Iowa and the W ½ of alley in Block 12, beginning at the North line of Elm Street, thence Northerly to the South line of Oak Street, and the E ½ of alley in Block 3, beginning at the North line of Elm Street, thence Northerly to the North Line of Lot 3, Block 3, all in the Town of Lakonta (Truax), Mahaska County, Iowa. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Joe Bates and Michael Systma from Bates Funeral Home discussed a funeral bill with the board. The board had denied a portion of this bill using section 12 of the burial contract. After discussion with Connie Kitzman, Community Services Director it was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Gordy to approve the payment of the bill as originally submitted. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The following residents of the Lynn Avenue area met with the board concerning the resolution for participating in the surfacing of Lynn Avenue: Charles Perdue; Les Snowbarger; Joann Snowbarger; Carol Houk; Joyce Mineart; Cyndi Peiffer; Ginny Foster; Louise Pothoven; Kelsey Pothoven; Alan Adams; Linda Adams; Minnie Richardson; Joyce Cline; Lee Grubb; Diane Glenn; Bill Glenn; Barry Marshall; Darrell W. Cline and Don Houk. Joyce Mineart was with spokesperson for this group. She encouraged the board to pass the resolution with the additional 969 linear feet and to include an additional \$5500.00 cost. The group had collected the additional funds to cover the cost for their portion. After discussion it was moved by Groenendyk seconded by VanWeelden to approve the recommendation of Jerome Nusbaum, County Engineer to approve the following resolution. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION  
TO PARTICIPATE IN A  
SECONDARY ROAD ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS,** The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors is empowered under Section 311.7 of the 2001 Code of Iowa to improve roads with private funds; and

**WHEREAS,** Property owners on Lynn Avenue have formed a Secondary road Assessment District and have agreed to pay \$16,555.81 of the estimated \$29,407.75 for 969 linear feet 21 feet wide 5” thickness hot mix asphalt, with the District beginning 2431 feet from the Highway 63 pavement;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** Mahaska County will contribute \$12,851.94 of the paving costs for the Lynn Avenue Secondary Road Assessment District, and will continue snow removal and ongoing maintenance responsibility for the road.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2002.

MAHASKA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

s/Henry VanWeelden, Chairman

s/Greg Gordy

s/Howard Groenendyk

ATTEST:

s/Kay Swanson, Auditor

Jeff M. Wallerich from Huff Financial Group spoke to the board about employee retirement benefits for employees that have IPERS coverage. He will bring a draft letter to the next board meeting to be put on paychecks.

The board tabled until January 2, 2003 the matter of the 28E Agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation regarding Mahaska County issuing Driver's Licenses.

Kirby Moss, Account Representative from Employee Group Services discussed the midyear review of the health insurance plan with the board. Everything seems to be going well. He will come back on December 2, 2002 with the proposal for next year.

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

**STOP AT INTERSECTION  
MUTCD 2B-5**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS:** the Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of Sections 321.236 and 321.255 of the Code of Iowa to designate any secondary road intersection under their jurisdiction as a STOP intersection and to erect STOP signs at one or more entrances to such intersection, and

**WHEREAS:** traffic on Bayard Ave. which is functionally classified as a Local road is endangered by traffic from the west on 170<sup>th</sup> St. at the intersection located approximately ¼ mile west of the NE corner of section 8-T76N-R17W, because of terrain and vegetation which limit sight distance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors that the secondary road approach from the west be designated as “STOP approach” to the above described intersection and that a STOP sign shall be erected accordingly.

Passed and approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2002.

s/Henry W. VanWeelden  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

s/Kay Swanson  
County Auditor

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Gordy to approve the request of the engineer to upgrade the telephone system at the county shop for \$3,840.00 from Avaya systems and to purchase a mobile GPS Receiver, Field Computer and Software for \$5,995.00 from Quinn Equipment, Inc. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The engineer gave the board an update on the bridges in the county and the letting dates coming up in the spring.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Groenendyk to appoint Jerome Nusbaum, County Engineer to be the county’s union representative. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Chairman VanWeelden will take a copy of the signed minutes to the United State Department of Agriculture for the power of attorney for the county farm property.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Gordy to accept the resignation of Ron Brown, Courthouse custodian effective December 31, 2002. He will work part-time during 2003 and his unused vacation time will be used to pay his health insurance premiums from January 2003 to November 30, 2005. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The matter of the contract amendment for the CPC department was tabled until October 21, 2002.

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

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Mahaska County

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kay Swanson, County Auditor