

January 19, 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: Henry W. VanWeelden, Greg Gordy and Lawrence Rouw. Also present was the following: Joleen Arnold, Mahaska County CPC; Michelle Moore, Mahaska County Rural and Agricultural Committee; Jay Christensen, Mahaska Health Partnership; Christine Ahrens, KBOE Radio, Miranda Pearson, Oskaloosa Herald; Kirby Moss, Employee Group Services; Jerry Nusbaum, Mahaska County Engineer, Kay Swanson, Mahaska County Auditor.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the agenda with the addition of the quarterly and monthly reports of the Veteran's Affairs Commission. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the minutes for January 5th with the following changes to the supervisors committees for this calendar year. Move the School Sales Tax 28E Board to Gordy; and move the 28E Southeast Iowa Consortium Contracting Board to Rouw. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Michelle Moore of the Mahaska County Agricultural and Rural Development Committee gave the board her report for October 1 to December 31, 2003.

Jay Christensen of Mahaska Health Partnership presented the following resolution to the board for the tax levy for ambulance services. It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the resolution. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Mahaska County Board of Supervisors
Resolution
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Be it resolved that the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors authorizes Mahaska County Hospital d/b/a Mahaska Health Partnership to levy a \$.10 per 1,000 valuation assessment to subsidize the ambulance service for the fiscal year July 1, 2004-2005. This levy represents a decrease of \$.10 per 1,000 from the previous fiscal year, and it is part of an informal agreement to eliminate the levy, if possible, over a reasonable period of time.

It is understood by the Mahaska County Hospital d/b/a Mahaska Health Partnership that the levy represents an annual request to the board of supervisors, and there is no guarantee that the levy will be granted in any fiscal year.

The ambulance levy funds may only be used to supplement the following:

1. Operating deficits in ambulance operations. These deficits may be due to continued funding shortfalls by the Medicare and Medicaid programs, increasing costs of personnel, or other increased operating costs.

2. Overhead related to ambulance operations, which may include the depreciation on the ambulance garage (new in 2002), billing and administrative costs, education, insurance, etc.
3. The cost of new or replacement equipment for the ambulance service, including ambulance vehicles and other equipment necessary for the provision of emergency medical services.

Approved this 19th day of January, 2004

_____	Chair
_____	Supervisor
_____	Supervisor

Courthouse space was discussed with Joleen Arnold. It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Rouw to lease space from Hawkeye Real Estate Office for the building on the north side of the square known as 117 High Avenue East for four years at \$850.00 per month. This space is for the CPC and Community Services Offices. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to approve the request of the Recorder to place Charlotte Shrago on the payroll beginning February 1, 2004 for part time help in Recorder's offices at \$7.50 per hour and the request of the Auditor to place Charlotte Shrago on the payroll to work at election time as needed from late March thru the June Primary and again in September thru the General Election in November at the same rate per hour. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the semi-annual report of the Treasurer. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to reduce the recommendations of the Compensation Board by 2 1/2 %. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Kirby Moss from Employee Group Services discussed the health insurance with the board. He will come back on April 5, 2004 to set the rates for fiscal year 2004-2005. This was a mid-year review.

The matter of charges for mapping services was tabled.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to approve the December 2003 Veteran Affairs monthly report and Quarterly reports for July, August and September 2003 and Quarterly report for October, November and December 2003. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VanWeelden seconded by Gordy to sign the plans for the Newport RCB Culvert project. BROS-CO62(42)—8J-62. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

During the work session with the engineer the following items were discussed:

- Pro-line project – RISE Grant funds
- Acceptance of roads in Barnes City, Rose Hill and Leighton from DOT
- Vanderlinden Driveway
- Glendale Road Asphalt Overlay
- Distribution of Farm-to-Market funds.
- GPS Survey Equipment.

The matter of the IT proposal with Arrow Quick was tabled.

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

Lawrence Rouw, Chairman
Mahaska County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Kay Swanson, Mahaska County Auditor