

February 19, 2008

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met on the above date in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the Mahaska County courthouse. Present were the following board members: Chairman – Henry W. VanWeelden; vice chairman – Greg Gordy and member – Lawrence Rouw. Also present were the following: Scott Dailey, KBOE Radio; Miranda Johnson, Mahaska County Agricultural and Rural Development Director, Jon Sullivan, Oskaloosa Chamber; Don Russell, Mahaska County Sanitarian; Detra Dettmann, Pathfinders RC & D; Randy Irwin; Randy Kelley, Country Life Health Care; Joleen Arnold, CPC; Jerome Nusbaum, Mahaska County Engineer; and Kay Swanson, Mahaska County Auditor. This meeting was filmed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University.

Chairman VanWeelden called the meeting to order with a moment of silence.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Rouw to approve the agenda for today's meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by Gordy to approve the minutes of January 15th, 16th, 17th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 30th, February 4th and 12th. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Miranda Johnson, Mahaska County Agricultural and Rural Development Director gave the board her monthly report.

Don Russell, Mahaska County Sanitarian gave the board his monthly report for January and February.

Detra Dettmann from Pathfinders gave the board her annual update on activities with Pathfinders R C & D.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by Gordy to approve the payroll for January in the amount of \$665,556.52. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Randy Kelley gave the board updated contracts for Country Life Health Care for their review before next board meeting.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Rouw to approve the monthly report for the Veterans Affairs Commission for January 2008. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Rouw to approve the Employee Handbook effective February 19, 2008. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by VanWeelden to forward the following letter to Pella city officials. Roll call vote: Rouw – nay; Gordy – aye; VanWeelden – aye. Motion carried.

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Dear Mayor Dobernecker and Mr. Nardini:

As members of the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors, we continue to believe that airport site selection is important to the economic well-being and sustainability of the communities in and around Mahaska and Marion Counties. Accordingly, for the long-term mutual benefit of our areas, we request the opportunity to engage in discussions with the Pella City Council to evaluate, and perhaps mutually agree upon, an airport site selection that would serve the employers, employees, and regional interests of all concerned.

This letter is being written after being formally considered and approved by a roll call vote at a regular meeting of the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors, preceded by an agenda item imparting notice to the public, on February 19, 2008. While we believe the letter sent to you, dated January 3, 2008, was entirely appropriate and not in violation of the Iowa Open Meetings Act, as a recently filed lawsuit against Mahaska County asserts, we have specifically decided to seek the requested dialogue with you, following a formal vote on the matter, so that the pendency of that litigation cannot call into question, threaten or jeopardize any understandings that may result from that requested dialogue.

The importance of site selection is as vital to your community as it is to ours and whatever is decided in the lawsuit against us should not impede the undertakings in which we desire to engage.

May we please hear from you.

Henry W. VanWeelden, Chairman

Greg Gordy

Lawrence Rouw

It was moved by Rouw to have the Community Services office remain at the present location and to choose option 3 of the letter received from Hawkeye Property Management and Development. Motion died for lack of second.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Rouw to accept option 3 (Month to month renewal of \$1100.00 per month) with the stipulation the landlord to guarantee a minimum of 6 months occupancy and the county to maintain their right to terminate the lease with 30 day notice. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by Gordy to keep the employee mileage rate at the current rate of 35 cents per mile. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The engineer and the board discussed the letter from Bethel Christian Reformed Church and residents along 230th Street west of KBOE Radio station. The engineer will contact the city Engineer.

The engineer will respond to the letter received by the board concerning Ernie Ellis property.

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

Chairman, Mahaska County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Kay Swanson, Mahaska County Auditor