

March 10, 2008

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met on the above date in special session at 10:00 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: Joe Warrick, Michael Gipple, Mahaska County Conservation Director; Joleen Arnold, Mahaska County CPC; Paul DeGeest, Mahaska County Sheriff; Jerome Nusbaum, Mahaska County Engineer and Kay Swanson, Mahaska County Auditor.

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

It was moved by Rouw seconded by Gordy to approve the agenda with the addition of the Iowa DHS Community Mental Health Center Affiliation for fiscal year 2009. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by Gordy to approve the request of Joleen Arnold, Mahaska County CPC to approve the Iowa Department of Human Services Community Mental Health Center Affiliation for fiscal year 2009. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Under any other matters: It was moved by Rouw seconded by VanWeelden for the chairman to sign the agreement with the DOT for the paving of the intersections on US 63 from Eddyville north to near Iowa 92. This had previously been approved in the December 17, 2007 meeting and adjusted in January 02, 2008 meeting. Vote was 2 – aye; one – nay. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Rouw to open the public hearing for the fiscal year 2008-2009 Mahaska County Budget. All present voted aye. Motion carried. There was present a quorum as required by law. Thereupon the board investigated and found that the notice of time and place of public hearing have according to law and as directed by the Board, has been published in the Oskaloosa Herald on February 25, 2008; New Sharon Sun on February 28, 2008 and the Village Vine on February 25, 2008 official newspapers in said county, and the affidavit of said publication is on file with the Mahaska County Auditor. There were no written comments. Joe Warrick discussed the mental health budget with the board. It was moved by Gordy seconded by Rouw to close the public hearing. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by Gordy to adopt the fiscal year 2008-2009 Mahaska County budget as presented. The County Auditor was thereupon directed to properly certify the budget as adopted and file as required by law. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Expenditures by Service Area:

Public Safety and Legal Services \$2,669,568; Physical Health and Social Services \$858,937; Mental Health, MR & DD \$2,687,919; County Environment and Education \$741,318; Roads & Transportation \$4,764,000; Government Services to Residents \$619,435; Administration \$1,419,732; Nonprogram Current \$1,048,300; Debt Service \$8,490; Capital Projects \$4,335,400; Operating Transfers Out \$1,547,103.

Revenues by Service Area:

Net Property Taxes \$6,604,176; Delinquent Property Tax Revenue \$1,900; Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes \$9,700; Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues \$1,609,962; Intergovernmental \$8,549,962; Licenses & Permits \$22,350; Charges for Services \$534,210; Use of Money & Property \$513,259; Miscellaneous \$336,150; Operating Transfers In \$1,547,103.

Expenditures by Department:

Non departmental \$3,397,532; Board of Supervisors \$165,467; Auditor \$396,904; Treasurer \$404,196; Attorney \$250,089; Sheriff \$1,024,014; Recorder \$147,193; Sheriff's Forfeiture \$4,525; GIS Coordinator \$78,087; Engineer \$9,094,400; Veterans Affairs \$72,360; Conservation \$472,220; Public Health Nursing \$126,200; Roadside Vegetation Management \$124,875; Community Services \$162,378; County Care Facility \$17,720; Medical Examiner \$38,700; Correctional Services \$817,160; District Court \$340,155; Libraries \$46,550; Mahaska Building \$19,720; Environmental Services \$87,699; Pioneer Cemeteries \$5,000; Crime Prevention \$96,384; Law Enforcement \$133,102; Courthouse \$164,318; Information Technology \$57,370; Drivers License \$105,385; North Square Building \$3,100; Substance Abuse Treatment \$90,930; Mental Health \$2,687,919; Human Services Administration \$68,550.

Revenues by Department:

Non Departmental \$1,117,040; Auditor \$19,275; Treasurer \$525,800; Sheriff \$112,350; Recorder \$133,800; Sheriff's Forfeiture \$5,000; Engineer \$8,041,153; Conservation Board \$155,660; Public Health Nursing \$55,000; Community Services \$4,000; County Care Facility \$56,069; Correctional Services \$51,600; District Court \$14,000; Mahaska Building \$23,700; Environmental Services \$29,500; Crime Prevention \$73,250; Law Enforcement Center \$102,000; Courthouse \$1,200; Drivers License \$50,000; Mental Health \$1,082,877; Human Services Administration \$55,000; Property Taxes \$8,020,498.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Rouw to make the following designations for the unreserved fund balance in the fiscal year 2008-2009 Mahaska County Budget: AS/400 Computer \$35,000; Mapping Expenditures \$15,000; Courthouse building and grounds \$200,000; Future Conservation Nature Center \$20,000. Total \$270,000. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rouw seconded by Gordy to approve the following resolution concerning Economic Development funding in Mahaska County for fiscal year 2008-2009. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Economic Development Funding Resolution No. 2008-03-01

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Mahaska County Board of Supervisors that:

1. The state of Iowa generally and the Mahaska County, Iowa, in particular have in the past several years experienced adverse economic effects, including the loss of businesses and erosion of tax base and out-migration of population.
2. The economy of Mahaska County is not sufficiently diversified to provide a stable economic base but is in large part dependent on agriculture and agribusiness.
3. The current economic problems in the agriculture and agribusiness industries have reached sufficiently serious proportions that the general welfare of the citizens of the County is threatened thereby.
4. It is therefore in the best interest of the citizens of Mahaska County, Iowa to take steps reasonably calculated to lead to diversified economic development in Mahaska County, Iowa.
5. That Mahaska County does not have sufficient resources to hire a Director of Economic development as a county employee and lacks sufficient resources to effectively operate an economic development program on its own.
6. Other cities and counties in Iowa, re-engaging in economic development efforts.
7. Therefore, Mahaska County, Iowa finds that it is in the best interests of its citizens to cooperate with the cities in Mahaska County, Iowa and the Oskaloosa Area Chamber & Development Group, a non-profit corporation, as well as other organizations which may arise in order to promote diversified economic development in Mahaska County, Iowa.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mahaska County, Iowa has and will continue to support in efforts to enhance economic development by its financial contribution to such effects as Oskaloosa Area Chamber & Development, Rural Utility Service Systems; Mahaska Community Recreation Foundation; Mahaska County Agricultural and Rural Development and Tri County Development.

Chairman, Mahaska County
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Kay Swanson, Mahaska County Auditor

It was moved by Rouw seconded by Gordy to approve the request of the sheriff to upgrade the thermostats in the law enforcement building from the recommendation of Johnson Controls for a cost of \$14,910.00 to be paid from the law enforcement maintenance fund. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gordy seconded by Rouw to approve the Local Disaster Declaration from the recent winter events signed by the Emergency Management Coordinator and Henry W. VanWeelden, chairman on March 4th. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Henry W. VanWeelden, Chairman
Mahaska County Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Kay Swanson, Mahaska County Auditor