

The Office of Mills County Auditor
Carol Robertson
Mills County Courthouse
Glenwood, IA

The Board of Supervisors met this 16th day of February 2021 at the Mills County Courthouse in Glenwood with Supervisors Lonnie Mayberry, Carol Vinton, and Richard Crouch present in person.

Supervisor Crouch opened the meeting and since the Courthouse opened to the public on July 13th the Board will no longer be streaming live. Once the meetings are over and approved at the next meeting, they will be posted to the County website on the YouTube Channel link which is provided on the Agenda and on the County website.

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Mayberry to amend the February 16, 2021 consent agenda which includes rescheduling Anderson Township Dual Pages and Lakin Building Fund to February 23rd, and the minutes from February 9, 2021 as presented. There were no liquor license renewals. Motion carried on vote: Ayes-3, Nays-0.

Julie Lynes, Public Health Administrator and Larry Hurst Emergency Management/E-911 presented with updates. Lynes was absent from the meeting today as she was on a conference call so Hurst gave the updates for her department. There are 27 new confirmed cases, 7,141 have been tested, 1349 have recovered. There have been 1900 receiving their first shots County wide and 469 of those 1900 have received their second vaccination. Supervisor Crouch discussed the legislation being proposed with regards to the Counties being responsible to levy for EMS services Countywide. Hurst agreed that this could be problematic.

Mills County Engineer Cory Gaston joined the session at this time for his scheduled appointment.

There were no utility permits this week.

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Mayberry to approve Pay Application 16 to Genesis Contracting Group in the amount of \$45,318.41 for new engineering shop construction. Motion carried on vote: Ayes; 3, Nays: 0.

Gaston provided two quotes for the purchase of an oil drain for the new shop: NAPA was for \$925.00, and Auto Value was in the amount of \$1,030.60. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve the bid from NAPA in the amount of \$925.00. Motion carried on vote: Ayes; 3, Nays: 0.

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Mayberry to authorize Sheriff to start the process for Sergeant at a salary of \$66,598.00. Motion carried on vote: Ayes; 3, Nays: 0.

Approval to promote Lieutenant is tabled until the Civil Service Commission can meet.

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Mayberry to authorize a board member to sign the Hold Harmless Agreement for Property 710 S. Vine Street with the City and Fire Department. Motion carried on vote: Ayes; 3, Nays: 0.

Wayne Stouder and Larry Lincoln joined the session at this time. Stouder had requested a time on the agenda to discuss what the County's plans were for the rural properties the County has acquired and will be acquiring in the 2019 Flood for FEMA buyouts. The Board explained our first concern is getting them all complete and then looking at our options with the ground. The County can cash rent the ground but there were questions as to whether it can be sold with deed restrictions for Ag purposes only. Assistant County Attorney, Tyler Loontjer was present for this discussion and stated we have not had an opportunity to investigate options yet as our main goal is to keep moving forward with the closings of the remaining properties. Stouder

indicated he understood but just wanted to be included if the County was able to sell for Ag purposes because there is land that adjoins his current farming operation and he would be interested in purchasing. The Board said there was nothing better that they would like to do than to sell that ground back to the farmers and keep it on the tax rolls. The Board assured Stouder that when we have clearer answers, we would be contacting him as well as any other interested individuals on the process for this property. The Board thanked Stouder and explained they would be in touch.

Jared Getter, Conservation Director joined the session at this time to request appointment to his board. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve Erik VanFleet to the Conservation Board for a 5-year term. Motion carried on vote: Ayes; 3, Nays: 0.

Patrick Binns, County IT Director joined the session at this time to request replacement of two Courthouse surveillance cameras. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve the purchase of two Courthouse surveillance cameras from TGS in the amount of 2,728.66. Motion carried on vote: Ayes; 3, Nays: 0.

Binns requested the purchase of phones and a software update from Kidwell. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve the purchase of 21 phones in the amount of \$10,765.00 and software in the amount of \$13,360.00 from Kidwell for upgrades to the county phone system. Motion carried on vote: Ayes; 3, Nays: 0.

Steve Meade with AgriVision Properties Group LLC and Marco Floreani Mills County Economic Development Foundation and Christine Govig, Assessor joined the meeting to discuss a request from Meade for urban renewal funding for an internal upgrade they are planning to do that will increase jobs for their business. After discussion, a motion was made by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to move forward with a 5-year sliding scale tax abatement to begin with the 2020 assessment for taxes payable September 2021 and March 2022. Motion carried on vote: Ayes; 3, Nays: 0. Floreani will work with the Auditor on preparing the proper paperwork for signatures.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, they adjourned to meet on Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

Richard Crouch, Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Robertson, Auditor