

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

The Board of Supervisors met this 23rd 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 approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes from February 16, 2021, accounts payables from February 23rd as presented, and liquor license renewal for the Fountains Ballroom LC0045175-including outdoor service and Sunday sales. Motion carried on vote: Ayes-3, Nays-0.

Julie Lynes, Public Health Administrator and Larry Hurst Emergency Management/E-911 presented with updates. Lynes stated HyVee is receiving vaccine and people can schedule online. Lynes mentioned Janet Wade's position on the Health Board has expired and will be getting on the agenda to reappoint her as she would like to continue. Lynes updated we only had 6 positive cases this last week. The total number of county residents receiving the first vaccine is 2,330; of those residents 1,132 were received from Mills County Public Health. The total number of second doses completed is 588; of which 518 were administered by MCPH. Currently MCPH is receiving 200 doses of vaccine a week and continuing with their clinics. Lynes requested Engineer Gaston attend because he requested his Secondary Roads employees fall under essential workers and wondered why they are not allowed to receive the vaccine. They currently do not fall in any of the categories allowed. Gaston and other County Secondary Roads are pleading their case with the State. Lynes also reported IADPH stated there should be enough vaccine for the rest of the population by May.

Supervisor Vinton updated that she visited the new Tabor Library with the Rawles Township and explained what a great facility and addition it is to the City of Tabor.

Mills County Engineer Cory Gaston joined the session at this time for his scheduled appointment. There was one utility permit for Century Link at 293rd & Jurd Avenue: DOT replacing bridge, moving fiber line, and relocating existing fiber.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve a 3% increase for Secondary Roads Administrative & Management and Technical Staff salaries for FY 21/22. Motion carried on vote: Ayes; 3, Nays: 0.

Matt Towne, Brian Sowers and Rod Seipold were present with Larry Hurst E-911 and Patrick Binns, IT Director. Hurst explained to the group that in 2015 a letter was sent out to all townships requesting updates to the maps. Anderson Township asked for dual paging for rescue, and Hurst explained these may not be possible to change in our CAD system. He indicated structure fires and grass fires currently have dual paging. Binns said he could look into their request and will work with Hurst to see what can be done. Supervisor Crouch said the townships cannot change these things on a whim as it takes a lot to make these changes. This would require a lot of time for Patrick to make these changes and possibly a cost. That part will need to be looked into.

Rachel Reis, Chamber of Commerce joined the meeting and shared programs that were launched and projects being worked on for 2021. The Chamber has requested the same level of funding they had been receiving in the amount of \$8,000.00 which helps promote economic development and business retention for the County including tourism.

Cara Morgan-Golden Hills RC&D, & JEO, SWIPCO & MAPA Representative-Iowa, updated several projects that are being proposed; one being the rain garden for Secondary Roads. There are also several other projects if funding comes in. If there is excess, they may be able to assist with four projects of the Engineer's. They may be able to assist with funding throughout three applications.

Woody Wright and Chad McColleston representing the Lakin Building thanked the Board for their annual \$10,000.00 donation over a 5-6 year period and requested that the County please continue those same donations for another five years. Due to COVID, they did not receive a lot of rentals. The Board asked how long their loan is for, and they said it was a 20-year loan. They use the funds received from the County and their annual pledge amounts to pay on the principal of the loan. The Board will take this into consideration.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to authorize the Board to execute deeds for conveyance of County-owned property per Resolution 20-44 approved December 29, 2020 for Goos and Miller. Motion carried on vote: Ayes; 3, Nays: 0.

Assistant County Attorney, Tyler Loontjer joined the session. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to go into a Closed Session at 11:34 a.m. per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j) to discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property. Motion carried on vote. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Roll Call vote: Mayberry; Aye, Vinton; Aye, Crouch; Aye.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to return to open session at session at 12:03 p.m. Motion carried on vote. Ayes: 3; Nays:0. Roll Call vote: Mayberry; Aye, Vinton; Aye, Crouch; Aye

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to authorize the Assistant County Attorney to proceed with the offer. Motion carried on vote: Ayes; 3, Nays: 0.

Patrick Binns, County IT Director joined the session at this time to discuss HVAC software systems upgrades. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve HVAC software upgrades for the Courthouse in the amount of \$19,976.00. Motion carried on vote: Ayes; 3, Nays: 0.

Darin Whatcott, Building & Zoning provided two bids for the Board's review and approval for office cleaning; one from Fritzy's Freaky Clean in the amount of \$60/hour, and one from SOS Cleaning Services for \$40/hour. Motion by Vinton, seconded by Mayberry to approve the bid for SOS Cleaning Services at \$40/hour for one day per week. Motion carried on vote: Ayes; 3, Nays: 0.

Whatcott asked to bring Audra Krueger and Holly Jackson inline salary-wise with other departments in the County with similar duties and years of experience. Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch, Mayberry asked for discussion. Per the discussion, Mayberry felt giving increases at this time was not a good thing when we are asking other departments to cut next fiscal year's budget. Supervisor Mayberry stated he had been contacted by the public and employees of the County regarding this department receiving a raise. The other two supervisors had not been contacted by anyone regarding this. Supervisor Crouch asked Supervisor Vinton if she would rescind her motion at this time. Supervisor Vinton rescinded her motion.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to receive the annual DKH-Manure Management Plans for DKH-Mintle at 54998 340th Street. Motion carried on vote: Ayes; 3, Nays: 0.

Naeda Elliott, County Attorney provided to the Board of Supervisors the two members of the Civil Service Commission that needed to be reappointed if the Board so chooses. Motion by

Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve Preston Sargent for a two-year appointment and Lynn Schrum for a six-year appointment to the Civil Service Commission. Motion carried on vote: Ayes; 3, Nays: 0.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to set March 9, 2021 for the notice of Public Hearing for proposed tax levy. The Public Hearing for the final 2021/2022 budget will be set at that hearing. Motion carried on vote: Ayes; 3, Nays: 0.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, they adjourned to meet on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

Richard Crouch, Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Robertson, Auditor