

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

The Board of Supervisors met this 30th day of March 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 March 23, 2021 as presented. There were no liquor license renewals. Motion carried on vote: Ayes-3, Nays-0.

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Mayberry to authorize chair to sign renewals for County health insurance. Motion carried on vote: Ayes-3, Nays-0.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve FMLA for a County employee. Motion carried on vote: Ayes-3, Nays-0.

Julie Lynes, Public Health and Larry Hurst, Emergency Management/E-911 presented COVID-19 updates. Lynes updated that after April 5th, vaccines will be opened up for more individuals. Lynes had conversations with the Sells-owners of the ShopKo Building, who are requesting \$5,000/month rent for the use of the building for the vaccine clinics. Public Health has already taken on the utilities. Lynes would like to possibly stay there for a month through the end of April and then move the clinic to their facility. The Board asked if we could find funding to offset these unexpected expenditures. Lynes was told the County would find funds for these costs. Lynes reported that she met with Ben Lundstrom regarding bids for her office for a generator. Lynes also reported that they have hired Matthew Scott as the Environmental Specialist to replace Mike Sukup.

Mills County Engineer Cory Gaston stated there were no utility permits this week.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve the driveway variance at 53505 260th Street. The request for a second drive was denied due to site distance and minimum separation to put in for access to a farm shop building. Motion carried on vote: Ayes-3, Nays-0.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to accept and approve the Secondary Roads Department 5-year construction program. A few changes have been made, several projects have been added, and several have moved up on the list due to secured funding from CDBG and SWAP projects. Motion carried on vote: Ayes-3, Nays-0.

Engineer Gaston updated he received funds in the amount of \$562,115.00 which will be transferred to the Farm to Market Account since we are three years borrowed ahead on the Farm to Market Acct. Gaston also discussed that he would like to participate in the Roadside Management and Vegetation Program. Gaston will discuss with Conservation Department but thinks he would like to hire this position. Mills County needs to get a plan on file.

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Mayberry to approve County share of Fiber Construction Bid in the amount of \$932,005.05 which represents the County share from MP Nexlevel, the low bidder. Motion carried on vote: Ayes-3, Nays-0.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to open the Public Hearing regarding 21/22 Budget & Exceeding the Rural Service Levy at 10:15 a.m. Motion carried on vote: Ayes-3, Nays-0.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to close the Public Hearing regarding 21/22 Budget & Exceeding the Rural Service Levy at 10:20 a.m. Motion carried on vote: Ayes-3, Nays-0.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve Resolution 21-07 Approval of Salaries for Elected Officials. Motion carried on vote Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Roll Call vote: Crouch Aye, Vinton Aye, Mayberry; Aye.

RESOLUTION 21-07

Whereas, the Mills County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907 and

Whereas, the Mills County Compensation Board met on January 6, 2021 and made the following recommendation of a 3 % increase for the County Attorney, Auditor, Board of Supervisors, Recorder, Treasurer and Sheriff increase for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mills County Board of Supervisors sitting in session on this 30th day of March, 2021 hereby accepts and approves the recommendation presented by the Mills County Compensation for the FY 2021-2022 salaries for Mills County elected officials as follows: County Attorney: \$100,343; 3% increase, County Auditor: \$64,664; 3% increase, County Recorder: \$63,575; 3% increase, County Treasurer: \$63,575; 3% increase, County Sheriff: \$82,646; 3% increase and County Supervisors: \$36,365; 3% increase.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve Resolution 21-08 Approval of 21/22 Budget. Motion carried on vote Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Roll Call vote: Crouch Aye, Vinton Aye, Mayberry; Aye.

RESOLUTION 21-08

WHEREAS, the Mills County Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 to receive comments regarding the proposed FY21/22. Budget of expenditures and revenues were published, per Public Notice, in the March 17, 2021 issue of the Glenwood Opinion Tribune and March 18, 2021 in the Malvern Leader Beacon the official County newspapers, and presented at the public hearing on March 30, 2021.

THEREFORE, after publication and review of the proposed FY 21/22 Budget the Mills County Board of Supervisors determined they would approve the proposed budget as presented.

Therefore, the Board of Supervisors directs the Mills County Auditor to spread the levy and submit the budget to the Iowa Department of Management.

Lieutenant Ryan Pittman joined the meeting to request approval to hire Evan Ruse, a certified deputy at a salary of \$52,953.00. Ruse has passed all medical and psychological testing. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve hiring Evan Ruse. Motion carried on vote: Ayes-3, Nays-0. Ruse will begin employment on April 8, 2021.

Assistant County Attorney Tyler Loontjer joined the session. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to go into Closed Session at 10:47 a.m. per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Motion carried on vote Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Roll Call vote: Crouch Aye, Vinton Aye, Mayberry; Aye.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to return to open session at session at 11:06 a.m. Motion carried on vote. Ayes: 3; Nays: 0. Roll Call vote: Crouch Aye, Vinton Aye, Mayberry; Aye.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to authorize the Assistant County Attorney to move forward with securing an AG's (Attorney General's) opinion. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3; Nays: 0. Roll Call vote: Crouch Aye, Vinton Aye, Mayberry; Aye.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve the annual SOB, Sexually Oriented Business license for Romantix. 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, April 6, 2021.

Richard Crouch, Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Robertson, Auditor