

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

The Board of Supervisors met this 19th day of April 2022, at the Mills County Courthouse in Glenwood with Supervisors Richard Crouch, Lonnie Mayberry, and Carol Vinton present.

Motion by Crouch, seconded by Mayberry to approve the consent Agenda, and minutes from April 12, 2022 and April 15, 2022, as corrected and the two liquor license renewals: Dollar General Store #20460 in Tabor for Class C Beer Permit & Class B Wine with Sunday sales. the second one was KLK Enterprises, LLC – Lake Ohana Market with a Class C Beer Permit and Class B Native Wine Permit with Sunday sales. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0.

Guest present was Assistant Deputy County Attorney, Ryan Dale.

Tom Honeyman was present to discuss his concerns regard the CO2 Pipeline which is a private entity and the Utilities Board taking land by eminent domain to benefit this privately owned pipeline. Honeyman has land along the pipeline route in both Mills and Montgomery County and does not want to give them an easement. Honeyman requested the Board of Supervisors write a letter to the Utilities Board asking them not to use eminent domain to assist a private Company. Motion by Crouch seconded by Mayberry to write the letter as requested by Honeyman. Honeyman will send copies of letters written by other Counties so that the Auditor may use as a template. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0.

Jacob Ferro, Engineer joined the session at this time for his scheduled meeting. Ferro reported that he had two utility permits for fiber drops for residence on 400th Street & Hwy 34 and one on Mayfield Circle in Pacific Junction.

Motion by Crouch, seconded by Mayberry to approve a driveway variance on property on Eastman Rd that does not meet the separation distance of the Ordinance with the following stipulations: a minimum of 500' is required to meet acceptance for the safety and site distance requirements. Motion carried on vote: Ayes:3, Nays: 0.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Crouch to approve the County Secondary Road 5-year plan as presented and to submit to IDOT. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Crouch to award the 2022 FM Rock bid to Schildberg Construction in the amount of \$311,672.24 for 13,112 ton. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0.

Joe Hurla, ROI Energy joined the session to discuss the Mid-American Energy Program overview and share with the Board the amount of savings they could have by changing to all the LED lighting. Hurla asked the County if they would like to have an assessment of the County buildings. The board felt that the Jail and new Secondary Roads building already had the LED lights, so the board agreed to let Hurla complete a no cost assessment for the Courthouse.

Joe and Joan Cheyney along with Victor Smith came as representatives for the Farmer's Market Group. The group explained the market continues to grow and they were asking if they could expand further using the north sidewalk. The board agreed that would be fine. The first Farmer's Market will begin on Wednesday, May 4th and end Wednesday, September 28th. The hours will be 4 – 6:30 pm.

Jake Zimmerer Olmstead & Perry presented updates of the Pony Creek waterline extension; it is 66% completed.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Crouch to authorize pay application for Larson Backhoe, Inc in the amount of \$102,080.62 paid from the Flood Recovery Fund. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0.

Susan Wiegel, Communications/E-911 Director was present to request the Chair to sign an updated 28E Agreement with the City of Glenwood. Motion by Crouch, seconded by Mayberry to authorize the Chair to sign the updated 28E agreement with the City of Glenwood. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0.

Gabe Barney, Emergency Management Coordinator and Keith Johnson joined the Board meeting at this time.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Crouch to authorize Wiegel to purchase (2) 24/7 chairs for the Communications Center from Sheppard's Business Interiors in the amount of \$1494.92/chair for a total amount of \$2989.84 Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0.

Travis Oetter, Sheriff and Josh England, Chief Deputy joined the session at this time for General Discussion regarding concerns he has with the Communications/E-911 being under the jurisdiction of the County. Oetter did not feel the Board of Supervisors had the proper authorities over the 911 Center, he felt it should be Law Enforcement or as in some Counties Emergency Management. Oetter also shared concerns that he would like to update some policies and procedures in the Communication center but has been unable to set up a meeting with the Director and Chief of Police. A meeting time and date was set up for April 28th and Supervisor Mayberry will set in on behalf of the Supervisors, Sheriff, Communications Director, and Chief of Police will look at the proposed changes.

Lu Anne Christensen, Recorder was present to ask the Supervisors if during the budget process her request to move her part-time employee to full time status for the next fiscal year had been approved. The Board stated they had left the funds in her budget and that Christiansen's next steps are to get on the board agenda for their June 28th meeting to provide in writing the salary and full-time status request for the employee at the first available payroll date in July.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve the following individuals that have been appointed to the EMS Advisory Board; Andrea Mills, Zennith Wilber, Vicki Drews, Linda Seipold, Keith Johnson, Ann Schoening, Matt Gray, Gabe Barney, John Stacy, Scott Eanes and Supervisor Crouch as the liaison. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 2, Nays: 0, Supervisor Crouch abstained since a family member had been appointed to this board.

Gabe Barney, EMA Coordinator was next for his scheduled appointment time. The Board said they felt there must be some mis communications with regards to Barney's job duties. Barney explained he is employed by the EMA Commission of which Supervisor Crouch is Chairman of this board, other members are the Sheriff and Mayors of the Cities in the County. Barney shared some of his duties identified through Iowa Code and explained he is still learning his job and he did not feel that he was able to handle taking on the County safety program at this time. Barney originally had discussed how he was planning to update the very outdated Safety Policy manual and get the program back on track until he found out there was no longer an extra stipend for this position, the Board felt that Safety is part of risk management and should be included his job duties. There had been concerns with school officials after the County was seeing potential severe weather and setting up areas for the public to take shelter during this time. Barney explained the County does not have any FEMA approved shelters. Supervisor Crouch stated that the previous coordinator had always made locations available during severe weather for the public to take shelter if needed. Barney had liability concerns for the County since we did not have FEMA approved shelters and felt it was not in the best interest of the County to make these available. Barney felt it would be helpful to sit down with board members individually and discuss his job duties and what worked in the past and what did not. Supervisor Mayberry reminded Barney that a substantial portion of his budget comes from the County tax dollars and even though he does not work for the Board of Supervisors directly, refusing to take on extra duties without a stipend seems concerning since Barney was given a substantial increase in pay upon becoming the coordinator.

There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned to meet on April 26, 2022.

Carol Vinton, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Carol Robertson, Auditor