

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

The Board of Supervisors met this 4th day of May, 2021 at the Mills County Courthouse in Glenwood with Supervisors, Carol Vinton and Richard Crouch present and Lonnie Mayberry was absent.

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 Crouch to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the minutes from April 27, 2021 and no liquor license renewals. Motion carried on vote: Ayes-2, Nays-0.

Patrick Binns, IT Director was present with 3 bids for Courthouse Security Camera Upgrades; 1) Electric Co of Omaha, replace all cameras in Courthouse, servers in the amount of \$65,000. 2) TGS Tech Group, which is Cloud-based, replace all cameras in the amount of \$50,470.40. 3) America Alarms using Eagle Eye Cloud-based & use existing cameras in the amount of \$11,627.41 with a yearly subscription of \$7,000/yr. Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch at the recommendation of Binns to approve the purchase from American Alarms in the amount of \$11,627.41 including the yearly subscription of \$7,000/yr. Motion carried on vote: Ayes – 2, Nays- 0.

Julie Lynes, Public Health and Larry Hurst, Emergency Management/E-911 presented COVID-19 updates. Lynes updated that in the last 14 days there have been less Covid cases across the State, Lynes also updated on walk-in clinics availability this week. Lynes also stated Agrivision would like to clean up the utility payment requests from Dec-February in the amount of \$4,400. Lynes will contact them to discuss the December bills since Public Health didn't occupy the building until January. The next item on the agenda for Lynes was approval of a bid on roof repairs for the County building Public Health is occupying, Lynes is waiting on a bid from Hughes so this was tabled.

Assistant County Attorney Tyler Loontjer joined the session with Larry Hurst, EMA/E-911 Director regarding approval of FirstNet Contract on Tower. Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch to authorize the Board chair to sign the contract. Motion carried on vote: Ayes -2, Nays-0.

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch to authorize a second contract for tower placement from BTW to be signed by the chair. Both of these contracts are associated with Public Safety. Motion carried on vote: Ayes – 2, Nays-0.

Loontjer was also present for the next item on the agenda of Flood Buyout options. Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch to have the County option out of property located at 67729 195th Street. Motion carried on vote: Ayes -2, Nay – 0. There was a second option out on the agenda, but it has been tabled at this time, so no action was taken.

Mills County Engineer, Cory Gaston joined the session at this time. Gaston reported there were no utility permits this week.

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch to approve pay voucher #3 to Dixon Construction for Project TAP-R-C065(109)-8T-65 Wabash Trace Bridge replacement in the amount of \$158,604.22 from the Engineer's Lost funding allotment. Motion carried on vote: Ayes – 2, Nays -0.

Darin Whatcott, Building & Zoning department was present to give updates on their department. Whatcott provided a list of the buyout properties that have been demolished and most of them have also been seeded. There have been permits for 11 new homes that are being constructed. Board of Adjustment & Planning & Zoning Board are not meeting in May, but the

Planning & Zoning Board will be meeting June 1st with their approved recommendations that will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for their approval and action.

Chief Deputy Josh England was present for the Sheriff's scheduled agenda items. Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch for approval of the 28E Law Enforcement Contracts with the following cities & per capita rates; Emerson - \$7,774.23 @ \$17.79/ capita, Hastings - \$2,637.97 @ \$17.47/capita, Henderson - \$3,433.60 @ \$18.56 per capita, Malvern - \$19,790.86 @ \$17.33/capita, Silver City - \$5,050.48 @ \$20.61/capita. Pacific Jct. is the only town that has not received their contract yet. Motion carried on vote: Ayes -2, Nays -0.

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch to approve the K9 MOU updated with the new language provided by Michael Galloway, the County HR Attorney and approved by Julie Dake-Abel, AFSCME Union Representative. Motion carried on vote: Ayes-2, Nays - 0.

England was requesting to make another K9 purchase from I-80 Canine in the amount of \$14,500. The County currently has acquired the dog from Fremont County which was Deputy Ruse's dog there, and Mather's dog has been sold. Discussion regarding the cost of having the canines and why the County needs to purchase another was tabled in a motion by Vinton and seconded by Crouch that until the Board has time to weigh all of the options by purchasing another dog and all Supervisors are present to vote, no action will be taken at this time. Motion carried on vote: Ayes- 2, Nays - 0.

England presented information regarding back pay for the K-9 handlers prior to the MOU that spelled out the new policy being implemented. This back pay was discussed in a prior meeting with Michael Galloway, HR Attorney. England said according to FLSA standards the handlers were entitled to back pay for time to care for their animals. It was brought up that the understanding was the deputies that had the dogs were given 30 minutes a day to care for their animals, instead of working an 8.5 hour day, they would leave after 8 hours and they were not compensated on their days off. England stated they should go back 1.5 yrs. for him and Mather who is still a dog handler would go back until the time the MOU was signed. The amount of funds that were being requested in back pay for England would be \$13,184 and Mather \$18,732 for a total in the amount of \$31,916. Supervisors asked if these funds were in their budget and England said they were not. The Supervisors are tabling this until they have an opportunity to talk with Galloway for guidance on this request.

Jill Ford, Treasurer and Tyler Loontjer, Assistant County Attorney were present and asked Chief Deputy England to stay for discussion of the potential of having security at the Courthouse full time. There have been concerns with various departments and having to deal with very irate citizens. This is something that will need to be investigated because currently the Sheriff doesn't have enough staff to do this daily, not just on Court days.

Ford told the Board she has sent out 600 delinquent notices and have had several come in to pay. She also advised that we have \$99,254 in Mobile homes taxes due, some mobile homes have probably been removed and she has been working to get these off the books, as we know they are un collectable and gives the County a false sense of values.

Motion by Vinton, second by Crouch to approve the hire of Katie Dodge as Elections Assistant/Clerk. Katie has passed all pre-employment physicals & screenings and will be available to begin work on May 5th. Katie's beginning salary will be \$40,808 until she completes her 6 months probationary period. Motion carried on vote: Ayes - 2, Nays - 0.

General Discussion: the Board received the April statement of fees from the Recorder and the April Jail report from the Sheriff's Department.

There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned the meeting and will meet again on Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

Richard Crouch, Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Robertson, Auditor