

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

The Board of Supervisors met this 11th day of May, 2021 at the Mills County Courthouse in Glenwood with Supervisors, Carol Vinton, Richard Crouch and Lonnie Mayberry present.

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Mayberry to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the minutes from May 4, 2021 as presented and no liquor license renewals. Motion carried on vote: Ayes-3, Nays-0.

Julie Lynes, Public Health and Larry Hurst, Emergency Management/E-911 presented COVID-19 updates. Lynes shared that we have five new confirmed cases this week. There have been 9,820 doses administered, 4,447 total number fully vaccinated, which totals 30.7% fully vaccinated in the county. There will be a walk-in vaccination clinic from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, May 14th at ShopKo. The County has both Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines available. HyVee Pharmacy in Glenwood has Pfizer, and Kohll's Pharmacy in Malvern has Moderna.

Julie Lynes, Mills County Public Health Director and Larry Hurst, Emergency Management/E-911 addressed the Board on COVID policies and procedures. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve removing the mask mandate in all County facilities effective May 13, 2021. People may continue wearing a mask, and social distancing is encouraged. The Board of Supervisors will put out a press release describing the updated policy. Motion carried on vote: Ayes-3, Nays-0.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve permission to advertise and hire for a vacated E911 dispatcher position. Motion carried on vote: Ayes-3, Nays-0.

Mills County Engineer, Cory Gaston joined the session at this time. Gaston reported there were no utility permits this week. Gaston is asking Western IA Network to split up their next permitting in sections so everyone can adequately monitor this.

Gaston reported that FFA and Ag students spread mulch for the rain garden at the Engineer's new facility. All plants and mulch have been donated by Iowa Water Quality Initiative. Gaston also updated the Board of Supervisors that he has been blade patching on Monday-Wednesday.

Harold Kahl, caretaker of the Hillsdale Cemetery and Roger Slaughter, representing Center Township were present. Photos were presented by Mr. Kahl. There is concern that someone has sprayed the bank. The bank is sloughing, and he cannot mow around several of the stones. The Center Township Trustees will be determining how to take care of the problem and have funds to assist.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve GAX #69 University of Iowa \$3,587, JEO consulting \$2,287. Motion carried on vote: Ayes-3, Nays-0.

Lieutenant Ryan Pittman addressed the Board to request approval for hiring of a road deputy position that was placed in the FY 21/22 budget which included a car and entire outfitting for this position. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve the deputy position since these funds were budgeted in the 21/22 budget. Motion carried on vote: Ayes-3, Nays-0.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve Resolution 21-13 Abate County taxes - Darden. Motion carried on vote: Ayes-3, Nays-0. Roll Call vote: Crouch Aye, Vinton Aye, Mayberry; Aye.

Resolution 21-13

The Mills County Board of Supervisors sitting in session on this 11th day of May 2021 upon recommendation from the Treasurer and as per Senate file 478 and IA Code 445.16 shall abate the taxes, interest and penalties on the following described property and direct the County Treasurer to strike the amount due from the County system:

The Mills County Treasurer recommends that the taxes pertaining to parcel 0388400010000000(Section 007- Township 072- Range 043) owned by Troy E. Darden located in the Glenwood School District; Pacific Junction, IA. in Mills County, IA. be abated. Taxes in the amount of \$1,668.00 (\$1616.00 tax, 48.00 penalty and \$4.00 cost) shall be abated for the 2020-2021 tax statement.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve Resolution 21-14 Abate County taxes - Drake. Roll Call: Motion carried on vote: Ayes–3, Nays-0. Roll Call vote: Crouch Aye, Vinton Aye, Mayberry; Aye.

Resolution 21-14

The Mills County Board of Supervisors sitting in session on this 11th day of May 2021 upon recommendation from the Treasurer and as per Senate file 478 and IA Code 445.16 shall abate the taxes, interest and penalties on the following described property and direct the County Treasurer to strike the amount due from the County system:

The Mills County Treasurer recommends that the taxes pertaining to Drake, Charles and Connie; Parcel # 102220000000000; The South 15feet of Lot three hundred twenty-five (325) and all of Lot three hundred twenty-six (326); 408 Manchester Street located in the town of Emerson, IA. East Mills School District Mills County was obtained by the City of Emerson as an abandoned property section 657A.10A of the Iowa Code. The Treasurer requests the taxes and penalty be abated for a Private held Tax Sale 2019-19233 in the sum of \$1,209.75 with that amount reimbursing Granite Lien Group, LLC; taxes and penalty be abated for a Private held Tax Sale 2018-18134 in the sum of \$630.00 to Abigail Land Holdings 8, LLC; the past due taxes 2020-2021 \$174.00 and penalties incurred from 2017/2018/2019/2020 be abated in the amount of \$1011.00. The total amount abated for this property is \$ 3,024.75.

Delinquent drainage taxes cannot be abated. This is being tabled for this week until this can be investigated.

A department head meeting with IMWCA was held with fourteen departments represented. Departments gave introductions. IMWCA gave a presentation to all departments to remind them how important safety training is, whether administration, Secondary Roads, Sheriff, or Conservation who are actually out in the field that handle equipment. Our mod factor is in good standing currently, but it is important to maintain that status and still improve. There are online videos that are available and trainings can be anywhere from 5 minutes to 1 hour. These will be made available for departments to access.

There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned the meeting and will meet again on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

Richard Crouch, Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Robertson, Auditor