

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

The Board of Supervisors met this 18th day of May 2021, at the Mills County Courthouse in Glenwood with Supervisors Lonnie Mayberry, Carol Vinton and Richard Crouch present.

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Mayberry to approve the May 18, 2021 consent agenda and minutes from May 11<sup>th</sup> as presented. There were no liquor license renewals. Motion carried on a vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Julie Lynes, Public Health and Larry Hurst, Emergency Management/E-911 presented COVID-19 updates. Lynes updated that 32.2% of the county is vaccinated. Public Health will be doing a few more clinics at the ShopKo Bldg. through the month of May for walk-ins and appointments using Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines. Lynes stated their department will continue to encourage individuals to get the vaccine.

Mills County Engineer, Cory Gaston joined the session at this time. There was a utility permit report for Lumen working for Century Link at 195<sup>th</sup> St/Brohard for service line to building.

Supervisor Vinton excused herself for jury duty at this time.

A homeowner is putting a shed on their property and is requesting a driveway variance at 24325 Jasmin Lane so they do not have to drive through their yard. They are lacking some site and separation distance. The Engineer felt that due to the mph, this variance would not be a huge issue. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Crouch to approve the driveway variance at 24325 Jasmin Lane. Motion carried on a vote: Ayes: 2, Nays: 0

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Crouch to approve letter of intent to IEDA that the Board of Supervisor's is willing to consider upgrading a county road pending funding and a development agreement. Motion carried on a vote: Ayes: 2, Nays: 0

In general discussion, Engineer Gaston and Sheriff Oetter were present to discuss the I-29 Speedway special event that has been rescheduled for June 4-6<sup>th</sup>. This event will bring in around 20,000 individuals and are requesting controls of the stoplights for traffic control.

Supervisor Vinton returned to the session at this time.

Fran Parr requested an access easement through the existing driveway to parcel that was not in the buyout so access can be granted. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve this easement. Assistant County Attorney Loontjer will draw up a 30' access easement for 59283 205 St. Motion carried on a vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve Deputy Zachary Buttercase's pay increase. Buttercase has successfully completed his six-month probationary period. He will go from \$52,953.00 to \$56,575.00 effective May 30, 2021. July 1, 2021, this will increase another 3% per Union contract. Motion carried on a vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve Jailer Kyle Blackledge's pay increase. Blackledge has successfully completed his one-year probationary period. He will go from \$36,492.00 to \$37,906.00 effective May 28, 2021, and a 3% increase on July 1, 2021 per Union contract. Motion carried on a vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Mayberry to approve a K9 from I-80 Canine in the amount of \$14,500.00. This funding comes from donations. The Sheriff's Dept is requesting one-half of the funding at this time and the other one-half once the dog is trained. The only costs to taxpayers are for the maintenance cost of training and equipment needed. Motion carried on a vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Discussion was held between the Board of Supervisors, Sheriff Oetter, and Larry Hurst EMA/E-911 Communication Director regarding the potential of deputies getting trained to back up the Coroner. Oetter said he had interest from his deputies. The Sheriff will set up a meeting between Dr. Baer, Sheriff Oetter, and Police Department for discussion on this.

The Board will look at putting together a committee of Elected Officials and Department Heads to look at the potential of funding options that may be done through the American Rescue Funding.

Past due drainage will be paid by the County because it cannot be abated. Several properties that were in the buyouts are now owned by the County.

Michael Galloway, Attorney with Ahlers & Cooney joined the session along with Sheriff Oetter and Larry Hurst. Several HR items were discussed regarding overtime/comp time, vacation balances, as well as protocol and clarifications of some current county policies. Galloway told the Board and departments to contact him anytime with questions.

There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned to meet on Tuesday, May 25, 2021.

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Richard Crouch, Chair

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Carol Robertson, Auditor