

Office of Mills County Auditor  
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Mills County Courthouse  
Glenwood, IA

The Board of Supervisors met this 23rd day of May 2023, at the Mills County Courthouse in Glenwood with Supervisors Lonnie Mayberry, Carol Vinton and Richard Crouch present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch to approve the Consent Agenda, Accounts Payable, 2 Liquor Licenses, Fireworks permit, and Minutes as presented from May 16, 2023. E Stop Corporation, 29172, 410<sup>th</sup> ST, Emerson, Annual Class B Retail Alcohol License; Lake Ohana Market, 23226 Centre DR, The Backroom Lounge, Glenwood, Annual Class E Retail Alcohol License; and Fireworks permit for Bella Terre Vineyard & Reception Hall, 23375 Barrus RD. The fireworks permit would be canceled if a burn ban is in place. The fireworks will be handled by Rainbow Fireworks Inc, Stephanie Ukele, 76 Plum Ave, Inman, KS on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Jacob Ferro, Mills County Engineer, was present for his scheduled meeting. Motion by Crouch, seconded by Vinton to approve payment for Bunge Resurfacing Project to Western Engineering Inc. in the amount of \$722,582.35. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Ferro recommended partial payment for the new garage to pay for materials already purchased by contractor, Mark Hughes. Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch to approve partial payment of \$159,064.00 which is approximately half of the total cost, to Mark Hughes Construction. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch to approve the Engineering Department FY24 Salaries for admin staff , Management and Technical Staff representing 6% increase previously approved by the BOS for County Employees who are neither elected officials nor union members. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Motion by Crouch, seconded by Vinton to approve a driveway variance for Skyler Stephens at 51741 415<sup>th</sup> ST. for entrance to a proposed site of a garage/building. It had previously been denied due to separation and sight distance don't match the required regulations. Traffic count is minimal on this road and the Engineer felt that with proper placement these would not be issues. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Ferro informed the Board that Gaston Rd was done being paved on Monday and approximately 3 more days to complete the shoulders. Paddock Avenue started work also on Monday, May 22, 2023. L55 has a current start date of approximately the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July. Ferro also inquired about possibility of using grant money to help with purchase of some chevron signs.

Motion by Vinton seconded by Crouch to open the Public Hearing at 9:45 a.m. for Budget Amendment Appropriation FY 22-23. Motion carried on Roll call vote: Crouch – Aye, Mayberry – Aye, Vinton – Aye

There were no questions written or Oral received prior to the meeting.

Motion by Crouch seconded by Vinton to close the Public Hearing at 9:47 a.m. for Budget Amendment Appropriation FY 22-23 . Motion carried on Roll call vote: Crouch – Aye, Mayberry – Aye, Vinton – Aye

Motion by Crouch seconded by Vinton to approve Resolution 23-29 Budget Amendment Appropriation FY 22-23. Motion carried on Roll call vote: Crouch – Aye, Mayberry – Aye, Vinton – Aye

#### **RESOLUTION 23-29**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** on this 23rd day of May 2023, the Mills County Board of Supervisors met in session for the purpose of amending the current operation budget. There was present a quorum as required by law. Thereupon the Supervisors found that the notice of time and place of hearing has, according to law, been published in County papers, and that the affidavits of publication thereof were on file with the County Auditor. Thereafter, and on said date the amendment was taken up and considered and taxpayers heard for or against the amendment as follows:

#### **EXPENDITURES:**

Public Safety & Legal Services	from \$5,234,129 to \$5,353,469
Administration	from \$6,184,312 to \$6,185,827

**Total Expenditures from \$29,620,174 to \$29,741,029 Including Transfers**

**Total Revenues & Other Sources from \$23,955,816 to \$24,019,251**

The amendment does not increase the taxes to be collected in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. The Mills County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the following changes of appropriations for the 2022-2023 fiscal year:

Chris Neiland, WIN, will reschedule meeting for some time in June.

Steve Poole, Head Building and Grounds Supervisor, arrived for his scheduled meeting. Motion by Crouch, seconded by Vinton to authorize Access Elevator to decommission the lift and to have it completely removed at a cost of approximately \$1500. This includes approximately 5 hours of labor at \$270.00/hr. and travel with mileage of \$150.00. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Poole asked the Board about the possibility of changing the elevator maintenance company. Due to lack of adequate maintenance being delivered by the company the Board was in favor of Poole checking into other companies. Poole also discussed ongoing maintenance for the County grounds.

Jill Ford, Treasurer, was present for her scheduled meeting. Motion by Vinton, seconded by Mayberry to approve Resolution 23-28 Mills county Tax Sale Abate taxes, interest and penalties totaling \$253.00. Motion carried on Roll call vote: Mayberry – Aye, Vinton – Aye, Crouch – Aye

**Resolution 23-28**

The Mills County Board of Supervisors sitting in session on this 23rd day of May 2023 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 interest and penalties pertaining to parcel 011330000000000; Lot Four (4) Block One (1) Railroad Addition; Henderson, IA in Mills County, IA. be abated. The Treasurer requests the Mills County Tax Sale 2012-12001 interest be abated in the amount of \$140.00 and abate interest on the taxes 2012-2023 in the amount of \$113.00. Total amount abated is \$253.00.

Lori Greiner, Public Health, was present for her department's scheduled meeting. Motion by Crouch, seconded by Vinton to approve authorization to Kiernan Scott to sign IDPH Substance Abuse grant Application. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Jerad Getter, Conservation, was present for his scheduled meeting and was joined by Jill Ford, Treasurer. Discussion of concerns using Square for the Conservation Cabin Account were at hand. Square had a problem with a 'red flag' they received by a customer using 4 credit cards to secure a reservation for cabin rental. Square has asked for confirmation that the County has funds to cover charges if declined and requested bank statement. It was suggested we get a letter from the bank stating that County has sufficient funds. Other Counties have a separate account aside from county general funds accounts and once the funds are deposited a check would be written to the County. Conservation Board would reconcile the account. Getter will check with Square if the letter will be enough.

Chris Govig, Assessor and Carol Robertson, Auditor were present for their scheduled meeting. Treasurer, Jill Ford, also joined the meeting. Discussion was held regarding the tax bill recently passed by the Governor and in it an increase in Homestead Credits would be offered to homeowners over the age of 65 in the amount of \$3,250 and increase of \$4,000 for Military exemptions. This cost will need to be covered by the Counties and unfortunately it was approved after the Budgets were certified so the County will need to find the funds to cover these increases. Sign up is by June 30, 2023.

Supervisor Vinton led discussion as to what the County currently has in place for County employee travel meal stipend and whether it would save the County money by only allowing a specific stipend amount for meals when traveling out of town and staying overnight,

There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned to meet on Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

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Lonnie Mayberry, Chair

ATTEST:

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Carol Robertson, Auditor