

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

The Board of Supervisors met this 8th day of June 2021, at the Mills County Courthouse in Glenwood with Supervisors Carol Vinton, Lonnie Mayberry, and Richard Crouch present.

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Mayberry to approve Consent Agenda, minutes from June 1st, and Accounts Payable from June 8th as presented. There were no liquor license renewals. Motion carried on a vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Assistant County Attorney Tyler Loontjer and County Engineer Cory Gaston joined the session. Motion by Vinton, seconded by Mayberry to go into Closed Session at 8:26 a.m. per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Motion carried on vote Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Roll Call vote: Vinton Aye, Mayberry; Aye, Crouch Aye

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to return to open session at 8:37 a.m. Motion carried on vote. Ayes: 3; Nays: 0. Roll Call vote: Vinton Aye, Mayberry; Aye, Crouch Aye

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to authorize the Engineer to move forward with the project discussed in closed session. Motion carried on vote Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Gaston stated there are no utility permits this week.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve Utility Permit 21-08 with Western Iowa Network-Glenwood South Project. The Board of Supervisors will waive fees. Motion carried on vote Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

The item regarding EWP Plans was tabled until next week.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to accept the resignation from the County Engineer Cory Gaston and move forward to advertise for the position. Gaston's last day will be August 26, 2021. The Engineer will forward to the Auditor places to advertise for the position. Motion carried on vote Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Julie Lynes-Public Health Administrator was in to update the Board and explained we have not had any increases in our COVID positivity rate. Public Health will not be putting out the press releases but will continue to advocate the ability to receive a vaccine if desired at their office anytime since giving up ShopKo Building. Lynes explained that the Opinion Tribune was doing a story each week and invited the Board and elected officials to comment. Lynes gave a Wellness update and reminded the Board only have 15% that have gotten physicals and need 80% participation.

Sheriff Travis Oetter discussed concerns regarding a \$500 limit on purchases in the budget. Asst Co Attorney Tyler Loontjer explained to the Board that once the dollars are appropriated to a department, the Board does not have the right to tell the department head what they can purchase. The Board has a right to state the purchase is not in the best interest of taxpayers' use. It was suggested by Loontjer to raise the limit.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve hiring Cynthia Morrical as a jailer beginning June 9, 2021 at a salary of \$38,561. Motion carried on vote Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Mayberry to authorize Chair to sign certificate of substantial completion – Site 14-Evans & Kleine Bank Stabilization. Motion carried on vote Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to authorize Chair to sign Rural Transit System Joint Participation Agreement with SWIPCO. Motion carried on vote Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Cara Morgan, Golden Hills did not attend today.

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Mayberry to approve Patrick Binns, IT Director's request for an IT Support Specialist and advertise to hire at \$48,000-\$52,000 with a goal of starting in early to mid-August. Motion carried on vote Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve the purchase nine desktop phones for a total of \$1,965.00. Motion carried on vote Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to approve the purchase of one HP laptop for the new employee for a total of \$1,819.84. Motion carried on vote Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Mayberry to approve purchase of one desktop computer that runs all the monitoring for a total of \$1,905.34. Motion carried on vote Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Mayberry to approve purchase of one Proline workbench for working on and setting up computers in the amount of \$1,911.02. Motion carried on vote Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

The request to purchase network switch will be tabled until all information is available.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Vinton to authorize Chair to Sign NIS Group Term Life Insurance Renewal. Motion carried on vote Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Mayberry to allow business property tax credit applications for 2020 assessment year for 11 new, one name change, and 10 disallows to remove due to the sale of the property. Motion carried on vote Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Becky Killpack would like to see flags placed on the entire parameter of the Courthouse drive next to the Courthouse. Killpack said she has found some grants to help with the purchase of flags and flag poles. Supervisor Mayberry explained that the County has plans to redo the sidewalk and would rather wait to do the flags after that.

The Board received the May Month End Financials.

There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned to meet on Tuesday, June 15, 2021.

Richard Crouch, Chair

ATTEST:

Carol Robertson, Auditor