

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

The Board of Supervisors met this 26th day of July 2022, at the Mills County Courthouse in Glenwood with Supervisors Richard Crouch, Lonnie Mayberry, and Carol Vinton present.

Motion by Crouch, seconded by Mayberry to approve the consent Agenda and minutes as received from July 19th, 2022, minutes as well as to approve the accounts payable as presented. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Jacob Ferro, Mills County Engineer was present for his regularly scheduled time. Ferro reported one utility report. 57791 Deacon Rd, from Telecom for a residence.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Crouch to approve Resolution 22-26 SS4A Grant submitted by ICEA for funds that will be available. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Roll Call vote: Crouch – Aye, Mayberry – Aye, Vinton – Aye.

#### Resolution 22-26 Participation in SS4A Grant Application

WHEREAS, as part of the new Federal Transportation Bill, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), there is over \$1B of roadway safety funding available in the form of Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants. To be an eligible applicant for this new safety funding, a county MUST have eligible Action Plan in place; and

WHEREAS the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA) plans to apply for a SS4A grant to develop and supply all 99 counties in Iowa with an eligible Action Plan at no cost to the counties. ICEA encourages all 99 counties to participate in this grant application; and

WHEREAS the Mills County Board of Supervisors will commit to achieve significant declines in roadway fatalities and serious injuries in Mills County; and

WHEREAS the Mills County Board of Supervisors recognizes the Action Plan and will assist the County Engineer's department in achieving of the goal of a dramatic decrease in roadway fatalities and serious injuries and zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries by the years 2030 and 2050, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Mills County Board of Supervisors, after consulting with the Mills County Engineer, desires to participate in a joint SS4A grant to develop and receive an eligible Action Plan for Mills County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MILLS COUNTY that this County does hereby request to be included in the statewide SS4A grant to develop Actions Plans for all 99 counties in Iowa.

Resolution adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022.

Motion by Crouch, seconded by Mayberry to approve Resolution 22-27 to make 330<sup>th</sup> and Elderberry and 3-Way Stop for safety. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Roll call vote: Crouch – Aye, Mayberry – Aye, Vinton – Aye.

#### Resolution 22-27 Establishment of a Stop Sign

WHEREAS, under the provisions of chapter 321.345, Code of Iowa, the Board of Supervisors, and the County Engineer are empowered to designate the locations and erection of Stop Signs, and,

WHEREAS certain highways may be designated as through highways with erection of stop signs at specific locations furnishing access there to or the designation of any intersection and erect like signs at one or more locations of access to such intersections, and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mills County Board of Supervisors in session this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022, recognized as the official locations of Stop Signs located at Intersection of Elderberry Avenue and 330<sup>th</sup> Street, and that said intersections will be a Three Way Stop as shown on the attached Mills County Map. (See signed resolution in Auditor's office).

Motion by Crouch, seconded by Mayberry for approval to Purchase a Tandem Dump Trailer in the amount of \$52,500 from South Sioux City, IA. It will also need a wet kit for cement. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0.

David Kimmel, Northern Natural Gas was present to discuss a Farm Tap located at 24-72-44, on 180<sup>th</sup> Street to being eliminated, this parcel is one in the County buyout. Motion by Crouch, seconded by Mayberry to remove the farm tap as requested. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0.

During general discussion with the Engineer, he updated the board they have made a tentative offer for employment for the truck driver position. This offer is contingent upon passage of the pre-employment physical and drug screen. Ferro also reported to the board he currently is in the process of interviewing 3 individuals for the Roadside Tech position. Ferro also reported that the GPS units have arrived, pavement marking is to begin, Paddock Bridge project may start in December, depending on the weather. Reed Allen reached out to the Engineer regarding speed signage for the road he lives on. The Engineer will investigate what potential signage could be used in that area.

Patrick Binns, IT Director, was present for Approval of Architectural Contract with KPE for the Annex Building expansion design in an amount not to exceed \$18,000, which includes design and blueprints. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Crouch to approve KPE's contract. Motion carried on vote: Ayes:3, Nays: 0.

Holly Jackson, Building & Zoning, was present to update on the progression of the solar chapter of the ordinances. Jackson said she is currently working on a setting up a committee of individuals located throughout the County that have shown interest and looking at renaming the chapter Renewable Energy. Jackson will get back on the agenda to request an extension until end of December for a moratorium on commercial Solar Energy.

Susan Weigel, E-911/Communications Director, was unable to make her scheduled appointment due to illness and will re-schedule for the next Supervisor's Board Meeting.

Gabe Barney Emergency Management Director has been requested to take on the Safety Department as his predecessor had managed. Barney stated that his Commission does not meet until August 18<sup>th</sup>. and they would need to approve a 28E agreement with his Commission and the Board of Supervisors to take on the Safety department. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Crouch to appoint Gabe Barney as Safety Director pending 28E approval by his Commission. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Barney gave updates on things he is working on in his department; Countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan updates, an emergency response plan for the Mills County Fair, weekly briefs from his agency, discuss modifications of the Burn Ban Ordinance. Barney also stated that he would like to re-do the EOC by renovating and taking the back wall out which will make the room larger as well as removing the cupboards and parameter desk seating and add foldable tables. Barney also said he has given the Sheriff's department access to the Gator for their use. The Gator will stay under Emergency Management Department. Barney is also looking at getting rid of several of the trailers that were acquired in his department over the years.

Lorie Ann Gentry, Mills County Public Health Director was present to give May & June budget updates as presented to her Board of Health. Gentry mentioned she is still waiting to hear about 8 grant approvals and reminded the Auditor of the carryover of grant funds to this fiscal year to be utilized and discussed the budget amendment that had been done at the end of fiscal 22. Gentry also expressed concerns of how her department is functioning and things she would like to see changed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned to meet on August 2, 2022.

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Carol Vinton, Chair

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Carol Robertson, Auditor