

The Board of Supervisors met this 12th day of September 2023, at the Mills County Courthouse in Glenwood with Supervisors Lonnie Mayberry, Richard Crouch and Carol Vinton present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Crouch, seconded by Vinton to approve the Consent Agenda, Minutes as presented from August 29, 2023, and September 5th, 2023. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Andrew Welch and Bryant Rassmussen, NRCS, were present to update the Board on the Pony Creek Watershed and Waubonsie Creek Structures. The property owners along the Waubonsie Creek appear to be proactive in helping to maintain the watershed and is a much cleaner area than the Pony Creek Watershed. Pony Creek area is more evasive with honeysuckle and needs more brush management.

Jacob Ferro, County Engineer, was present for his scheduled meeting. Motion by Crouch, seconded by Vinton to approve the payment of \$6,800 for Heavy Equipment Training for a total of 4 days. This training will be in Mid-November and give more training to our newer graders while being a great refresher course to the more seasoned employees. The employees will be using their own equipment while training on a closed road which will allow for a much better skill set. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Jacob Zimmerer, Eagle Engineering Group, was present at his scheduled time. Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch to approve a frontage variance within the Woodfield Subdivision phase 2. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Jared Getter, Conservation Director, was present for his meeting. Getter informed the Board that the Wabash Trace is now 25 to 30 years old and has never had a full-time employee designated in Mills County. The Trace has always been maintained by a group of volunteers. Getter explained that many of the volunteers, who have worked so hard throughout these years, are aging, the work is more physical and not easy for an aging volunteer population. He stated there may be funding through the Iowa West foundation to help pay for this person, however, they may have to become a County employee. Getter wanted the Board to be aware of the situation so to be prepared and will check on specifics of a possible employee.

Jill Ford, Treasurer, was present for her scheduled meeting. Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch to approve Resolution 23-42 Abate Taxes for the City of Malvern Mobile Home. Motion carried on Roll call vote: Crouch – Aye, Mayberry – Aye, Vinton – Aye

Resolution 23-42

The Mills County Board of Supervisors sitting in session on this 12th day of September 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 taxes pertaining to Lots Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15), in block Forty-nine (49) including a 1992, Shar Val Mobile Home owned by The City of Malvern; VIN # 29Z206108; Mills County Title #65AA20970; that is located at 90 5th Ave. Malvern, IA; Mills County be abated. (The mobile home was destroyed several years ago.)

The Mills County Treasurer recommends taxes be abated in the amount of \$1,480.00 for 2023-2024 taxes. Total abated amount \$1,480.00.

The Board received the End of the Month Reports.

There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned to meet on Tuesday, September 19, 2023.

Lonnie Mayberry, Chair

ATTEST:

Ami Petersen, Auditor