

Office of Mills County Auditor
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Mills County Courthouse
Glenwood, IA

The Board of Supervisors met this 19th day of September 2023, at the Mills County Courthouse in Glenwood with Supervisors Richard Crouch and Carol Vinton present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Mayberry had an appointment.

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch to approve the Consent Agenda, Minutes as presented from September 12th, 2023. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 2, Nays: 0

Jacob Ferro, County Engineer, was present for his scheduled meeting. Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch to approve the driveway variance at 33784 Lambert Ave, Royce and Lane Stortenbecker are the farm renters and Larry and Janet Zanders are the owners. The variance had previously been denied due to separation, however, the Engineer doesn't see any safety or sight issues. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 2, Nays: 0

Ferro mentioned implementation of an online work order system which would eliminate the need for 'pink slip orders' with no formal way to track the progression and completion of the work order.

Supervisor Mayberry joined the meeting at this time.

Patrick Binns, IT Director, arrived for his scheduled meeting. Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch, to approve a Construction Agreement between Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility Co, LLC and Mills County for 403 Railroad Ave in the amount of \$3,243.29 to move the gas line so it will not be under the annex addition. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Binns informed the Board the dirt on the new addition is 2ft higher than the Sheriff's lot next door. He suggested removing the broken fence in-between the two lots with a gradual slope being added to eliminate the need for a retaining wall, since the County owns both lots. He also stated that if the renovation went into the colder months the current heater has a conversion capability which would allow it to be usable during the time it wouldn't be connected to the gas line.

Travis Hitchcock, 911 Communications/EMA Director, was present for his scheduled meeting. Hitchcock discussed options for generator purchased for the Glenwood Tower. The new generator was purchased by the previous 911 Director and is a much larger capacity than needed at the tower. Hitchcock along with Binns discussed possible uses for the generator throughout the County. Hitchcock will return to have a final discussion made.

Stephanie Roberts, Acapella Singer, was present for her meeting. Roberts is a new resident of Glenwood and is interested in Community Events such as picnics and possible concerts. Roberts is interested in having these types of events at Glenwood Lake Park and throughout the community. She will be getting in touch with the local Chamber to see what is already available.

Andrew Rainbolt, Mills County Economic Development, arrived for his meeting and was joined by Elizabeth Richardson, Veteran's Affairs Director. Rainbolt discussed Home Base Iowa which was discussed in June at a previous Board Meeting. Home Base Iowa connects Iowa businesses with qualified veterans and their spouses looking for career opportunities, resources to help connect veterans and their families with education and transitioning to a new community. Rainbolt informed the Board there are two steps in becoming a Home Base County. The first phase is to pass a Resolution stating what it is, business and county support. Rainbolt will return in a few weeks with a finished Resolution to propose.

DeShawne Bird-Sell, County Attorney, was present at the Board meeting. Motion by Crouch, seconded by Vinton to approve the County Attorney to sign litigation document CVCV026684, for a final extension of dirt removal. The removal had been approved in 2018, but due to lack of location for final extraction the fully allotted amount wasn't removed. Due to the original approval date, it had been grandfathered-in for the move. The Board agreed this would be the final extension and only the original amount of dirt allowed that is still remaining would be moved. The extension is until Spring 2025, hoping to be completed by Fall of 2024. The area will be fully reclaimed by July 1, 2026. Motion carried on vote: Ayes:3, Nays: 0

There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned to meet on Tuesday, September 26, 2023.

Lonnie Mayberry, Chair

ATTEST:

Ami Petersen, Auditor