

The Board of Supervisors met this 26th day of September 2023, at the Mills County Courthouse in Glenwood with Supervisors Richard Crouch, Lonnie Mayberry and Carol Vinton present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Crouch, seconded by Vinton to approve the Consent Agenda, Amended Minutes as presented from September 19th, 2023, and Accounts Payable. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Jacob Ferro, County Engineer, was present for his scheduled meeting. Motion by Vinton seconded by Crouch to approve Resolution 23-44 Approval to enter into a LRTF Grant Agreement with the IDOT for Mills County IRVM Program. Motion carried on Roll call vote: Crouch – Aye, Mayberry – Aye, Vinton – Aye

RESOLUTION 23-44

RE: APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A LRTF GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE IDOT FOR MILLS COUNTY IRVM PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Mills County desires to enter into an agreement with Iowa DOT to accept a total of \$25,676.00 in funding assistance through the Iowa Living Roadway Trust Fund to finance a portion of the purchase of specific equipment dedicated to Mills County IRVM Program; and

WHEREAS, the grant agreements require Mills County to cover the remaining costs of equipment as outlined specifically in the agreements; and

WHEREAS, the agreement is specific to the equipment applied for which is a Turbo Technologies HM-1000HARV-E Hydro Seeder and

WHEREAS, the purchase of this equipment will directly benefit the Mills County IRVM program to create safe, sustainable, and ecologically diverse roadsides by performing seeding operations and planting native grasses; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Mills County, Iowa, that this funding agreement be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Mills County, Iowa, that County Engineer, Jacob Ferro, be authorized to sign and execute this funding agreement with IDOT.

Motion by Crouch, seconded by Vinton to approve driveway variance for Dean Darnold near 30564 Gaston Ave, which had previously been denied due to separation. The need to restructure the policy for driveways was mentioned. Motion carried on vote: Ayes:3, Nays: 0

Ferro is establishing a Safety Committee that will meet monthly. The Board will consist of the County Engineer; Jacob Ferro, Safety Officer; Mark McVay, Foreman; Jeff Vohs; Selected, and Rod Deitchler; Employee Selected. Except for the Engineer, members will have one-year terms to maintain input with various views and ideas.

Patrick Binns, IT Director, was present for his scheduled meeting. Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch to approve the payment of \$69,900 to Mark Hughes Construction per invoice #12167 for work completed on the Annex building to date. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Travis Hitchcock, 911/Communications Director/EMA Director, was present for his meeting. Motion by Crouch, seconded by Vinton to approve the purchase of the CUMMINS generator ordered for the Glenwood tower in the amount of \$15,677.37. Because of the size of the generator a climate-controlled shed and new pad would be needed. For the time being it will be stored away from the elements until ready to be placed and utilized. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch, to approve the hiring of Morgan Alexander as a full time employee with a start date of October 2nd and a certified full-time wage of \$24.44/hour. Alexander has completed all required screenings and background checks. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch, to authorize the chair to sign MOU Agreement for the transitioning of Morgan Alexander to a full time employee beginning as a Certified 911 Telecommunicator. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Jill Ford, County Treasurer, arrived for her scheduled meeting. Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch to approve Resolution 23-43 Abatement of Taxes on Parcel 0422301401000000. Motion carried on Roll call vote: Crouch – Aye, Mayberry – Aye, Vinton – Aye

Resolution 23-43

The Mills County Board of Supervisors sitting in session on this 26th day of September 2023 upon recommendation from the Treasurer and as per Senate file 4 78, 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 parcel 0422301401000000; TR in Lot Thirteen (13), lying adj to lots Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) of an Auditor's Subdivision, of section one (1) Township Seventy-two (72) range forty-four (44) as described on Plat of Survey book 4 at page 3 91 in the office of the Mills County, Iowa, Recorder; owned by The County of Mills; Mills County, Iowa be abated.

The Mills County Treasurer recommends taxes be abated in the amount of \$40.00 for 2023-2024 taxes. Total abated amount \$40.00. This parcel is exempt from property taxes.

DeShawne Bird-Sell, County Attorney, was present for her meeting. Discussion on contract with Steel Beacon had no outcome at this meeting. Motion by Crouch, seconded by Vinton to put forth no penalties through the Treasurer until a final decision on the agreement is made. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nay: 0

Ami Petersen, County Auditor, was present for her scheduled meeting. Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch to approve the Chair to sign Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa agreements for Competitive Grants Fall 2023. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned to meet on Tuesday, October 3, 2023.

Lonnie Mayberry, Chair

ATTEST:

Ami Petersen, Auditor