

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

The Board of Supervisors met this 1st day of February 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 amend the agenda to authorize the chair to also sign the Pacific Junction Contract Law Agreement at the same time as the Emerson Contract Law agenda item to approve the consent Agenda, and minutes from January 23, 2022, as presented. Approve two liquor license renewals; Lincoln Farm & Home#3 Class E Liquor and Class C Beer with Sunday Sales and the second one is Tobey Jacks Mineola Steak House with a Class C Liquor with outdoor service, Sunday sales & catering.

Public Health Director, Julie Lynes and IT Director Patrick Binns who presented several bids for the building expansion. Since the Board of Supervisors and Lynes and Binns made some modifications of the design. Revised specs will be sent to those that had previously bid out the design part and ask them to rebid according to the updated specs. No action to be taken on this agenda item at the present time.

Mills County Engineer Jacob Ferro was next on the agenda. There were no utility reports to report.

Ferro proposed a driveway variance located at 59831 280<sup>th</sup> Street. The permit was denied because it does not meet the County Driveway Ordinance for the separation distance requirement. After viewing the requested variance location, Motion by Crouch, seconded by Mayberry to approve the variance. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Sheriff, Travis Oetter joined the session to request approval to accept the resignation of Deputy Draven Sayers on January 20,2022 and by the same motion seek approval to fill the vacant position. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Crouch to accept the resignation as presented and authorize the Sheriff to seek replacement and fill for this position. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Crouch to accept the resignation of Cynthia Morrical, Jailer effective February 7, 2022, and by the same motion authorize the position to be filled. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Oetter also presented discussion to request filling a second K-9 officer position. Oetter explained that Deputy Buttercase has a K-9 that was used in Fremont County when he was a Deputy there. The dog has approximately 3 years left to be a drug dog. Oetter explained on cost would be to send the dog for training at I-80 training center for refresher training. The new handler would receive extra pay to handle the dog plus food and vet services. This was a discussion item only and Oetter will return at a later date for formal action.

Oetter also shared for discussion that a certified deputy was approaching them to pay out her current contract. This is something that the County has not done in the past. The cost would be a savings to the County because they would not have to send this deputy for certification schooling. The Deputy would be required to sign a contract with Mills County if they left before the 4-year time frame, the deputy would be required to pay back Mills County. Assistant Deputy County Attorney Ryan Dale was present and shared concerns because this has not been a past practice, and we currently have several deputies paying off their contracts with previous employers. Oetter explained none of the other deputies had asked. Dale was afraid that the board may be setting a precedent by doing this and cautioned the board. Oetter explained he had talked with other Counties about this process and most agreed the cost savings of having a certified deputy versus a non-certified deputy outweighed the cost. Supervisors said this was a discussion item only and asked the Sheriff to bring this back before the Board as an agenda item at a later date. They wanted time to weigh out the pros vs cons before deciding.

Motion by Crouch, seconded by Mayberry to authorize the Chair to sign the 28E Law Enforcement Contracts between Mills County and Emerson and Pacific Junction, respectively. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0.

Larry Hurst EMA/E911 Director, Gabe Barney, EM Specialist and Susan Wiegel, interim Communications/E911 Director were presented for updates presented by Supervisor Crouch regarding the progress of the training to add extra Coroners to assist Dr. Baer, County Coroner. Crouch was not able to attend the meeting but received updates from Dr. Baer. Baer will train the four individuals and hope within the next 6-8 months their training will be complete. Barney & Weigel had attended the meeting to understand the process for bringing in the new coroners. One of the concerns Weigel discussed was how dispatch would know which one of the four would be on call. Wiegel stated this could be a nightmare for dispatch and suggested a group text to go out and whomever was able to take the call would accept and head to the scene and notify Dispatch who may be taking the call. Several logistic things like this still need to be worked out, there is plenty of time, but a good method needs to be determined. There will be other meetings for input and discussion.

The Mills County Libraries were present to update the board on what has happened in their Libraries during covid and after. Updates were provided by Melody Stephens of Emerson, Dawn Miller of Tabor, Tara Painter of Glenwood who also handed out information for Malvern Librarian who was unable to attend, Allison Reed Silver City Librarian along with Lynda Thomas and Linda Schoening, Silver City Library Board members. The libraries all received many ideas from each other. The Board of Supervisors thanked them for what they do and asked if they had any special projects, they needed help with besides the Boards annual contribution.

Natalie Lancial, President of Malvern Area Betterment Association was present to thank the Board for their past support of MABA and updated on the projects on which they were working. Lancial asked if the Supervisors would continue the same funding for the 22-23 fiscal year. Supervisors thanked her and explained they are currently in the budget process and did not see any concerns with maintain the same level of contribution

Gregg Schoening, Mills County Fair Board President was present to clarify the previous request by Fair Board members. Schoening thanked the Supervisors for their continued support to the Fair and 4-H that they have graciously given over the years. He explained the Fair Board revenues to Supervisor Vinton when she asked. He also stated that the Fair Board was not requesting any additional funding for the Fair & 4-H. His request was that the County extend the current funding commitment to the Fair Board for the Lakin Center note that would end this year for an additional 5 years. The Board said they would take that request under advisement and would let the Board know with the County budgets were final.

Jake Zimmerer, Olmstead, and Perry joined the session to request approval of the Contractor's application for payment #1 from Larson Backhoe Services for the stored materials in the amount of \$241,000. Zimmerer also updated they contractor plans to start on Hawley Rd. and move with the installation of the waterline to the cabins, nature center and extension recently approved to the Campgrounds area. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Crouch to approve payment #1 to the contractor in the amount of \$241,000. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays:0.

Supervisor Mayberry left the session at this time.  
Motion by Crouch, seconded by Vinton to authorize a pay increase to Holly Jackson after completing six months as interim Zoning Administrator at a salary of \$51,774 effective on February 14, 2022. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 2, Nays: 0.

General Discussion: The Board received the January Recorder's fees report.

There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned to meet on February 8, 2022.

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Carol Vinton, Chair

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Carol Robertson, Auditor