

Mills County Conference Board February 18, 2026, Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Mills County Conference Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson, Richard Crouch in the Courtroom, Mills County Courthouse, Glenwood, Iowa. Present: Board of Supervisors (BOS): Richard Crouch & Jack Sayers; Mayors: Angie Winquist, Donna Miller, Andy Young & Joseph Jaworski; School Boards: John Zak IV, Trent Jones & Jennifer Wyant; Also present: John Pfiefer, Amber Farnan, Christina Govig, Ryan Daisy & many signed in guests (see attached sign-in sheet)

Absent: BOS: Lonnie Mayberry; Mayors: Lary Johnson, Ryan Campbell, Eva Fipps & Devin Juel

Chairperson Crouch opened the meeting reading the attached statement regarding the purpose and procedures for the public hearing.

Motion-Miller/Second-Jaworski to open the public hearing RE: prior action taken by the Conference Board regarding the position of Mills County Assessor at 3:03 p.m.; Roll Call: Ayes-3 Nays-0 Motion Carried

Board of Supervisors	AYE	NAY	Mayors	AYE	NAY
Richard Crouch, Chair	X		Angela Winquist, Glenwood	X	
Jack Sayers	X		Donna Miller, Malvern	X	
Unit Tally	2	0	Andy Young, Pacific Junction	X	
UNIT VOTE	AYE		Joseph Jaworski, Silver City	X	
School Board	AYE	NAY	Unit Tally	4	0
John Zak IV, GCSD	X		UNIT VOTE	AYE	
Trent Jones, EMSD	X		CONFERENCE BOARD VOTE OUTCOME	AYES-3	NAYS-0
Jennifer Wyant, FMSD	X				
Unit Tally	3	0			
UNIT VOTE	AYE				

Ryan Daisy, Attorney for Christina Govig spoke on her behalf; comments were heard from Lloyd Bergantzel regarding his tree reserve; comments unopposed to the Conference Board's action to terminate Ms. Govig were heard from Tad McDowell, Mike Bowden, April Gillespie & Vince Restivo; Comments in opposition to the Conference Board's action to terminate Ms. Govig were heard from Beverly Hardy.

Motion-Winquist/Second-Young to close the public hearing at 3:40 p.m.; Roll Call: Ayes-3 Nays-0 Motion Carried

Board of Supervisors	AYE	NAY	Mayors	AYE	NAY
Richard Crouch, Chair	X		Angela Winquist, Glenwood	X	
Jack Sayers	X		Donna Miller, Malvern	X	
Unit Tally	2	0	Andy Young, Pacific Junction	X	
UNIT VOTE	AYE		Joseph Jaworski, Silver City	X	
School Board	AYE	NAY	Unit Tally	4	0
John Zak IV, GCSD	X		UNIT VOTE	AYE	
Trent Jones, EMSD	X		CONFERENCE BOARD VOTE OUTCOME	AYES-3	NAYS-0

Jennifer Wyant, FMSD	X		
Unit Tally	3	0	
UNIT VOTE	AYE		

Motion-Sayers/Second-Jaworski to adjourn the meeting at 3:41 p.m.; Roll Call: Ayes-3 Nays-0 Meeting Adjourned

Board of Supervisors	AYE	NAY		Mayors	AYE	NAY
Richard Crouch, Chair	X			Angela Winkvist, Glenwood	X	
Jack Sayers	X			Donna Miller, Malvern	X	
Unit Tally	2	0		Andy Young, Pacific Junction	X	
UNIT VOTE	AYE			Joseph Jaworski, Silver City	X	
School Board	AYE	NAY		Unit Tally	4	0
John Zak IV, GCSD	X			UNIT VOTE	AYE	
Trent Jones, EMSD	X			CONFERENCE BOARD VOTE OUTCOME	AYES-3	NAYS-0
Jennifer Wyant, FMSD	X					
Unit Tally	3	0				
UNIT VOTE	AYE					


Richard Crouch, Board Chair

ATTEST: 
Amber Farnan, Auditor/Clerk

Statement by Chair

Before we begin, I would like to clarify the nature and scope of today's proceedings, as well as the rules and procedures that will govern this hearing.

Today's hearing is not an adjudicatory tribunal or evidentiary hearing. It is not subject to the Iowa Rules of Civil or Criminal Procedure, the Iowa Rules of Evidence, is not subject to the discovery process, and does not include sworn testimony or the power to subpoena witnesses. Accordingly, there is no right to conduct direct or cross-examination, to solicit testimony from outside witnesses, or to compel anyone to testify

Additionally, Ms. Govig requested that her employment review be conducted in closed session. The Conference Board will not engage in discussion or answer questions during this public hearing regarding matters addressed in that closed session. This includes any public discussion of specific conduct alleged.

At Ms. Govig's request, her employment review was conducted in closed session in full compliance with Iowa Open Meetings Law. The details of that closed session will not be addressed by the Conference Board in order to comply with the confidentiality requirements of the applicable portion of the Iowa Code.

The procedure for this public hearing will be as follows: Ms. Govig and her counsel may provide a written and/or oral statement to the Conference Board. No additional witnesses will be permitted, and there will be no examination of Conference Board members. Following statements by Ms. Govig and her counsel, we will have a period set for comments from the public which will be limited to three minutes per person.

We ask that all participants remain respectful and follow these procedures so the hearing can proceed in an orderly and efficient manner.

Response for Questions

1. As initially stated, Board members are not permitted to answer questions or engage in dialogue during this hearing. Please direct all remarks through your statement
2. We are not able to respond to questions or engage in back-and-forth discussion during this hearing. You may continue with your statement.
3. As stated in the hearing procedures, board members will not answer questions or participate in dialogue. Please proceed with your statement.