

Office of Mills County Auditor  
Carol Robertson  
Mills County Courthouse  
Glenwood, IA

The Board of Supervisors met this 4th day of April 2023, at the Mills County Courthouse in Glenwood with Supervisors Lonnie Mayberry, Carol Vinton and Richard Crouch present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Crouch, seconded by Vinton to approve the Consent Agenda and Minutes as presented from March 28, 2023, a Class B Retail Liquor License for Dollar General in Malvern. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Jacob Ferro, Mills County Engineer, was present for his scheduled meeting. Ferro asked to table his Iowa DOT Budget and will present next week. Motion by Crouch, seconded by Vinton to approve the Chair and Auditor to sign the Engineer's County Five Year Plan (CFYP). Some of the projects include 400<sup>th</sup> Street bridge, 215<sup>th</sup> Bridge, H12 crack and seat (pavement rehabilitation) is now 1.8 miles rather than 5 miles at same cost, accessing of grant possibilities and the shifting or cancelling of many more projects. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Motion by Crouch, seconded by Vinton on approval to sign contract with Western Engineering on the Bunge Resurfacing project at \$700,165.94. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch on approval to award bid for Gaston Avenue Resurfacing to Western Engineering in the amount of \$2,304,082.46. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch to approve a driveway variance at 56146 240<sup>th</sup> ST approximately 80ft south of existing shared driveway. The current shared drive is not safe because of the location and the owner is asking for a variance. Ferro stated the site distance is fine and this will add additional safety to the area. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Ferro informed the Board there has been a request to rent out the forestry head for the excavator. The Board liked the idea of bringing in revenue for the department when it's the off season, however they would like to review the contract before any final decision is made.

Sherril Dashner joined the Engineer at this time. Dashner had some drainage questions and stated there was movement of survey markers. Ferro was aware of the situation and is having HGM come to re-stake the area and mark with GPS, adding drainage pipes where needed.

Josh England, Chief Deputy, was present to inform the Board that Detention Officer Amy Heatherington resigned effective March 31, 2023. The Board had previously approved an open end for the department to advertise to hire, so no formal action was taken.

Jill Ford, County Treasurer, joined Chief Deputy England at this time. They discussed employees being trained in how to deescalate a situation, Alice training and possibly purchasing items which would enhance safety within government buildings. Ford attended Alice training in Des Moines and asked the County if its possible to take a ½ day and train Courthouse employees. The Board was in favor of this, and a day needs to be picked, possibly a Tuesday afternoon, and notify the public of the training.

Holly Jackson, Planning and Zoning, was present for her scheduled meeting. Motion by Crouch, seconded by Vinton on approval to purchase the OWL3+ Meeting HQ Device in the amount of \$2,748, which she has money for in her budget. It records audio, visual and online meetings. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Motion by Crouch seconded by Vinton to open the Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. for the FY23-24 Maximum Levy hearing. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. 40 plus constituents were present. Discussion was held regarding the 2023/2024 budget. Questions also arose about the new assessments recently received; these were directed to the Assessor's Office.

Motion by Crouch seconded by Vinton to close the public hearing at 11:15 A.M. Motion carried on a vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Motion by Crouch seconded by Mayberry to approve Resolution 23-11 Approval of FY 23/24 Maximum Property Tax Levy. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Roll call vote: Crouch – Aye, Mayberry – Aye, Vinton – Aye

**RESOLUTION NO. #23-11**

**APPROVAL OF FY23/24 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS**

WHEREAS, Mills County Supervisors, preparing the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget, have considered the proposed FY23/24 county maximum property tax dollars for both General County Services and Rural County Services, and

WHEREAS, a notice concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on county web site and/or social media accounts if applicable, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was held on April 4, 2023,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Mills County, Iowa, that the maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Services for FY23/24 shall not exceed the following:

General County Services – 3.5%

Rural County Services - 4.66005%

The Maximum Property Tax dollars requested in General County Services for FY23/24 represents a increase of 10.99% and the Rural County Services of a increase of 21.28% from the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for FY23/24 but does not represent an increase of 102% from the Maximum Property Tax dollars request for FY-23-24.

**BE IT DULY ADOPTED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April,2023.

Motion by Crouch, seconded by Vinton to approve Resolution 23-12 to set the date for the final public hearing for the FY23-24 Budget for 10:00 a.m. on April 18, 2023. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Roll call vote: Mayberry – Aye , Crouch – Aye, Vinton – Aye

**RESOLUTION NO. #23-12**

**TO FIX A DATE AND TIME FOR THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE FY23/24 BUDGETARY EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES**

WHEREAS, Mills County Supervisors, preparing the Fiscal 2023/2024 Budget, having held the first Public Hearing on the proposed FY23/24 Maximum Property Tax Dollars on April 4, 2023, at 10:00 am.

WHEREAS, at which time the Board at this time sets April 18, 2023, at 10:00 am as the date and time to adopt the full budget and will exceed the Maximum Levy amounts as approved in the Maximum Levy Resolution 23-11.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Mills County, Iowa, that said Second Public Hearing to be held according to the laws applicable per SF634.

County Attorney, DeShawne Bird-Sell, presented to all the Department heads and Elected Officials Chapter 22 Open Meetings handbooks and information on Title VI. Title VI training and compliance for all departments was completed during the department head meeting.

Travis Hitchcock announced that the week of April 9-15 is Telecommunicator Week and is asking local business to show support on the square by showing the gold stripe on their windows. Hitchcock is also planning other activities in his department to show appreciation. The Board appreciated what Hitchcock was planning and asked to contribute to his plans.

The Board received the County Recorder’s Report of Fees Collected. There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned to meet on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

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Lonnie Mayberry, Chair

ATTEST:

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Carol Robertson, Auditor