

The Board of Supervisors met this 18th 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 April 11, 2023, Iowa Retail Permit Tobacco License for Rolling Cigars of the Heartland, LLC, Mobile Vender/Cater, April 15- June 30, 2023, and a Liquor License for Dollar General #2460, Class B Liquor License. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Jacob Ferro, Mills County Engineer, was present for his scheduled meeting. Motion by Crouch, seconded by Vinton on approval to purchase 2 new laptops and adapters from CDW in the total estimated amount of \$2,455.32, which he has allocated in his budget. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch for approval of a driveway variance for Mark Hughes at the area of Ashton and Applewood on 230th ST. Site distance is 465' – Pottawattamie County is across their driveway. Mills County Ordinance is 495' but safety was not a concern. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Mark Anderson and Greg Johnson, representing ECHO, joined the meeting to discuss a driveway variance for Echo on Bunge Ave. which had been denied for separation due to our ordinance. Both Ferro and the Board are aware of the increase in traffic on Bunge and the importance of proper placement of driveways for future growth and safety. Ferro would like to have an engineering traffic study done with a team of engineers looking at the area to come up with the best solution. The Board suggested ECHO widen their entrance to help with the turning of trucks in and out of their drive. Discussion of future plans already have the county widening part of Bunge Ave and possibly adding a middle turn lane, however, these changes are not in the near future. Motion by Crouch, seconded by Vinton to approve the driveway variance and a widening of the driveway not to exceed 60 feet. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch to approve Driveway Variance for Henry Clark off 315th ST, which had been denied due to separation. The Engineer said the site distance is adequate and there were no safety concerns. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Motion by Vinton, seconded by Crouch to approve a driveway variance for Chad Durham at 22911 Cattail Bend, to widen width of driveway to match, not to exceed the width of the attached 3rd car garage. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Don Gamble joined the meeting for his scheduled appointment. There were 11 taxpayers who joined Mr. Gamble with concerns on Eastman RD and their concerns were the dust on the road and the type of rock the County purchases. Keith Calloway shared some ideas of things the County could possibly put on the roads as done in other states. Nick Jameson, who is employed by Schildberg where we get our rock, spoke to the public concerns regarding the rock. Jameson explained we have a few factors now that we didn't 20+ years ago when the residents say there wasn't a problem. Very dry conditions, more people in the area and heavy equipment. Jameson said the rock is tested and is actually much cleaner than in years past. One resident felt the County should buy the equipment and put our own calcium chloride on the roads. This would be a huge expense for the County. The Engineer will continue to explore options to remedy the concerns that he can physically deal with.

Brad Myers joined the session at this time with the Treasure, Recorder, Engineer and County Attorney.

Motion by Crouch seconded by Vinton to open the Public Hearing at 10:02 a.m. for FY23-24 Budget & Exceed Property Tax Levy hearing. Motion carried on Roll call vote: Crouch – Aye, Mayberry – Aye, Vinton – Aye

The first hearing provided information that the County will be exceeding the Rural Services levy from \$3.95/\$1000 to \$4.53814, this increase will increase the tax dollars to \$518,397 to meet expenditures in the Rural Service portion of the County budget.

There were no questions written or Oral received prior to the meeting. The 2nd Hearing to approve the FY23-24 Budget was held.

Mr. Meyers asked for clarification on the levy and what the County levy would be. The Auditor stated it would be \$11.25226 which does not include Assessor, Ag Extension or TB-Bruc. From State.

Motion by Vinton seconded by Crouch to close the Public Hearing at 10:08 a.m. for FY23-24 Budget & Exceed Property Tax Levy hearing. Motion carried on Roll call vote: Crouch – Aye, Mayberry – Aye, Vinton – Aye

Motion by Crouch seconded by Vinton to approve Resolution 23-15 Elected Officials Salaries as submitted by Compensation Board. Motion carried on Roll call vote: Crouch – Aye, Mayberry – Aye, Vinton – Aye

Resolution 23-15 Compensation Board Elected Officials Salaries

Whereas the Mills County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907 and

Whereas the Mills County Compensation Board met on January 4, 2023 and made the following recommendation of a \$4,336 increase for the Auditor, \$2,135 for Board of Supervisors, \$4,425 for the Recorder and Treasurer. The recommendation for the County Attorney was \$4,157 increase and \$6,354 increase for the Sheriff for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mills County Board of Supervisors sitting in session on this 18th day of April, 2023 hereby accepts and approves the recommendation presented by the Mills County Compensation for the FY 2023-2024 salaries for Mills County elected officials as follows: County Attorney: \$112,000 County Auditor: \$73,500, County Recorder: \$72,500, County Treasurer: \$72,500, County Sheriff: \$97,000 and County Supervisors: \$43,000.

Motion by Crouch seconded by Vinton to approve Resolution 23-16 FY 23-24 Budget. Motion carried on Roll call vote: Crouch – Aye, Mayberry – Aye, Vinton – Aye

Resolution 23-16 Proposed FY23/24 Budget

WHEREAS, the Mills County Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, to receive comments regarding the proposed FY23/24. Budget of expenditures and revenues were published, per Public Notice, in the April 5, 2023, issue of the Glenwood Opinion Tribune and April 6, 2023, in the Malvern Leader Beacon the official County newspapers and also on the Mills County website and presented at the public hearing on April 18, 2023.

THEREFORE, after publication and review of the proposed FY 23/24 Budget the Mills County Board of Supervisors determined they would approve the proposed budget as presented.

Therefore, the Board of Supervisors directs the Mills County Auditor to spread the levy and submit the budget to the Iowa Department of Management.

Motion by Crouch, seconded by Vinton to accept Mills EMA 2012 RAM 1500 from EM Commission to Mills County. It will be determined as to which fund the expenses for gas and maintenance for the truck will come out of. This vehicle will be available for use by Department heads for County business. Motion carried on vote: Ayes:3, Nays: 0

There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned to meet on Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

Lonnie Mayberry, Chair

ATTEST:

Carol Robertson, Auditor