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Glenwood, IA

The Mills County Board of Supervisors met this 4th day of March, 2014, in the Mills County Courthouse in Glenwood with Lonnïe Mayberry, Richard Crouch and Ron Kohn present.

Motion by Kohn, seconded by Mayberry to approve the March 4, 2014 agenda and the minutes of March 25, 2014 as presented.
Motion carried on a vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

There were no utility permits to report.

The Board of Supervisors went with Engineer Mayberry on a site visit to view a driveway variance request on Kidd Road.

Motion by Crouch seconded by Kohn to table the driveway variance request until next week when additional data is compiled from the Engineer.
Motion carried on a vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

The Engineer is waiting for further information from the D.O.T. on project BRS-CO65(93)-55-65, 330th St bridge over the Nishnabotna River and will return for formal action at next week's meeting.

Motion by Kohn seconded by Crouch to approve pay voucher #4 in the amount of $23,433.88 and reimbursement voucher #4 in the amount of $18,747.10 (which reflects 80% of the project costs) for BROS-CO(90)65-8J-65, Quandt Road bridge replacement over Waubonsie Creek.
Motion carried on a vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Motion by Crouch seconded by Kohn to approve Resolution 14-05, Mills County Support for Fuel Tax Increase

RESOLUTION 14-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE MILLS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORSSUPPORTING A FUEL TAX INCREASE

WHEREAS, Mills County understands the importance of a high quality and properly maintained transportation system and its impact on economic growth, public safety, recreational travel, and the agricultural sector;
WHEREAS, Iowa counties rely on the Road Use Tax Fund which is funded in part by the per gallon fuel tax and which helps with the cost of building, maintaining, and repairing secondary roads and bridges;
WHEREAS, according to the Governor's Transportation 2020 Citizen Advisory Council the estimated annual shortfall for the most critical infrastructure need is $215 million on a statewide basis; **WHEREAS,** counties unable to address critical road and bridge repair needs due to the shortfall have turned to bonding, tax increment financing, local option sales tax, and other alternate funding sources to provide their citizens with safe roads and bridges;
WHEREAS, counties unable to address critical road and bridge repair needs due to the shortfall have resorted to downgrading or closing of secondary roads and bridges and the delaying of needed maintenance and reconstruction;
WHEREAS, the per gallon fuel tax is the most equitable way to charge for the use of public roads and bridges and 20-30% of the revenue is generated from out-of-state travelers and businesses;
WHEREAS, the per gallon fuel tax has not been significantly increased since 1989 while the cost of construction has increased more than two and one-half times according to the Iowa Department of Transportation Price Trend Index for Iowa Highway Construction;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mills County Board of Supervisors supports a phased-in 10-cent increase in the per gallon fuel tax and the ongoing evaluation of long term, sustainable transportation funding solutions;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mills County Board of Supervisors encourages the Iowa Legislature to pass legislation to phase in a 10-cent per gallon increase in the fuel tax and other long term, sustainable transportation funding solutions; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mills County Board of Supervisors urges the Governor to encourage passage of legislation that phases in a 10-cent per gallon increase in the fuel tax and other long term, sustainable transportation funding solutions and sign such legislation when presented after passage by the Iowa General Assembly. ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF MARCH, 2014

Motion carried on a roll call vote: Mayberry – Aye, Kohn – Aye, Crouch - Aye

The contract for project #L-190-73-65, PCC paving on 190th Street north of Hammond Avenue until the Engineer receives the signed copy from the contractor.

Glen Knop joined the general discussion and thanked the Board of Supervisors for their support of Indian Creek and the financial assistance they have provided in the past. He stated that the Museum Board has decided not to move a barn to the Museum grounds.

Motion by Crouch seconded by Kohn to approve the Fountains Ballroom liquor license renewal which includes outdoor service and Sunday sales.
Motion carried on a vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Motion by Kohn seconded by Crouch to authorize the Chair to sign the annual Wellmark renewal.
Motion carried on a vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

The Board of Supervisors held a Department Head meeting with a scheduled agenda.

Motion by Kohn seconded to approve the following soft cost purchases for the new Law Enforcement Center:
1) Structured Cabling from Communication Innovators in the amount of $39,050.00
2) Door Access Control System for Administration areas from Security Equipment Inc. in the amount of $11,354.00
3) Interview Room System for Wahltek in the amount of $26,361.00
4) Wireless Backbone Link from Electronic Engineering in the amount of $4,558.72
Total amount of the soft cost are $81,323.72
Motion carried on a vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Kevin Mayberry joined the session as a concerned citizen in regard to the decision the Board of Supervisors would make on the Loess Hills Alliance Resolution. Mayberry felt the Board may have felt pressured to oppose this because of the large amount of people that had attended the previous week's meeting and thought the Board should do more research. Mayberry explained there was not a provision in the Alliance's proposal to take over properties; that the Government has great resources for landowners to use and extra funding from the designation of a reserve would be an asset. Members of the audience shared their concerns if the Board opposed the legislation as well as those in favor of the opposition.
The Board of Supervisors expressed that when the Government has been involved with other designations the County has lost the tax base as well as other unknown commitments the Loess Hills Alliance may not have considered.

Motion by Kohn seconded by Crouch to sign Resolution 14-06 Opposing the Loess Hills as a National Park Reserve.

RESOLUTION 14-06

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mills, Iowa, has considered the request of the Loess Hills Alliance to enter into a partnership with the National Park Service and form a Trust Board to oversee the Loess Hills National Reserve.
WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors have already enacted ordinances and regulations to ensure the preservation of both the natural and cultural resources of Iowa's Loess Hills.
WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors also have concerns about the Loess Hills Alliance failure to follow Iowa Code Chapter 161D.5(2) which decisions made by this board could subject the Loess Hills Alliance to future litigation and jeopardize the goal to protect the natural and cultural resources as well as economic growth and property rights.
WHEREAS, previous efforts from other State and Federal Conservation groups have caused significant financial loss to the County's tax base.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mills does hereby oppose legislation for the establishment of the Loess Hills as a National Reserve.
Motion carried on a roll call vote: Mayberry – Aye, Kohn – Aye, Crouch - Aye

The Board received the January 2014 jail report from the Sheriff Department and the Recorder's February report of fees.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, they adjourned to meet on Tuesday, March 11, 2014.

Mills County Board of Supervisors

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Lonnïe Mayberry – Chairperson

Attest: _____

Carol Robertson, Auditor