

Office of Mills County Auditor
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Mills County Courthouse
Glenwood, IA

The Mills County Board of Supervisors met this 8th day of September, 2015, in the meeting room at the Mills County Courthouse in Glenwood with Supervisors Richard Crouch, Lonnie Mayberry and Ron Kohn present.

Motion by Kohn seconded by Mayberry to approve the September 8, 2015 agenda as presented and the September 1, 2015 minutes as corrected.

Motion carried on a vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Motion by Mayberry seconded by Kohn to approve accounts payable as presented.

Motion carried on a vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Assistant Engineer Richard Parks was present.

There were no utility permits to report this week.

Assistant Engineer Parks updated the Board of Supervisors on the status of the current Secondary Roads projects. The rain has caused delayed completion of these projects.

Motion by Kohn seconded by Mayberry to approve Resolution 15-21 – Courthouse Security Policy.

RESOLUTION 15-21

WHEREAS the Mills County Board of Supervisors direct control over the Mills County Courthouse and provide facilities to the district court at the courthouse in Mills County; and

WHEREAS the Mills County Board of Supervisors, through the Mills County employee handbook and other county policies prohibit employees from bringing weapons into county buildings as a security measure and for providing a safe workplace for county employees and the general public; and

WHEREAS other county policies provide for the safety of Mills County employees, the district court and the general public; and

WHEREAS the Mills County Board of Supervisors now direct and authorize the Mills County Sheriff's Office (Sheriff's Office) to implement security screening to prohibit weapons in the Mills County Courthouse as a security measure for employees, the district court and the general public.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mills County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. The Sheriff's Office is authorized to provide screening of employees and the general public upon entry to the Mills County courthouse.
2. Firearms or any other weapons, including items which could be used as a weapon as determined by the Sheriff's Office, are prohibited at the Mills County Courthouse, except that any such weapons may lawfully be left in locked private vehicles.
3. The following individuals are not prohibited from carrying firearms or other weapons at the Mills County courthouse:
 - a. A peace officer as defined in Iowa Code §804.4; or
 - b. A member of a recognized military veterans organization performing a county-sponsored or approved honor guard service on county facilities; or
 - c. Law enforcement personnel of the county or jurisdiction thereof, who possesses a valid permit to carry weapons, carries a dangerous weapon to County facilities during work hours for the purpose of self-protection; or
4. Prior written approval to a weapons permit holder to enter the courthouse for limited times when the permit holder needs to enter county property while in possession of a dangerous weapon must be unanimously approved by the Mills County Sheriff and the Mills County Attorney or their designees.

5. The Sheriff's Office is authorized to implement additional security measures as may be necessary to protect the safety of its employees, the district court and the general public at the Mills County courthouse.

Motion carried on a Roll Call vote: Mayberry – Aye, Kohn – Aye, Crouch – Aye.

Mills County Sheriff Eugene Goos, Mills County Attorney Tricia McSorley and Nick Johnson from the Attorney's office and Mills County EMA/E911 Director Larry Hurst were present to discuss the purchase of security equipment for the Mills County Courthouse.

Sheriff Goos presented options of equipment that could be purchased for security in the Mills County Courthouse. It was determined that the County will need to do long term planning for this purchase and implement a short-term plan and budget for equipment and employee costs.

Motion by Kohn seconded by Mayberry to approve the hire of Kyle Putnam as a jailer. He has passed all physical, psychological and drug screenings. Putnam will begin work on September 18, 2015 at a salary of \$27,020.

Motion carried on a vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Motion by Mayberry seconded by Kohn to appoint Darin Whatcott as the authorized Building & Zoning Officer or his designee with the authority to issue official County citations.

Motion carried on a vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

The Board received the August County Recorder's Statement of Fees.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, they adjourned to meet on Tuesday, September 15, 2015.

Richard Crouch – Chairman

ATTEST: Carol Robertson, Auditor