

Mills County Conference Board March 16, 2026, Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Mills County Conference Board was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Chairperson, Richard Crouch at the Mills County Annex, Glenwood, Iowa, Present: Board of Supervisors (BOS): Richard Crouch, Jack Sayers & Lonnie Mayberry (arrived around 3:30 p.m.); Mayors: Angie Winquist, Joseph Jaworski, Jill Shudak; School Boards: Trent Jones & Jennifer Wyant; Also present: John Pfiefer, Amber Farnan, Sharon McNutt, Phil Warren, Absent: Mayors: Andy Young, Donna Miller Lary Johnson, Ryan Campbell, Eva Fipps & Devin Juel; School Boards: John Zak IV.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Motion-Winquist/Second-Sayers to approve the agenda as presented with the exception of moving item #10 – Assessor’s Office Staffing to after item #12 setting date & time for the budget adoption public hearing; Roll Call: Ayes-3 Nays-0 Motion Carried

Board of Supervisors	AYE	NAY	Mayors	AYE	NAY
Richard Crouch, Chair	X		Jill Shudak, Council Bluffs	X	
Jack Sayers	X		Angela Winquist, Glenwood	X	
Lonnie Mayberry	--	--	Joseph Jaworski, Silver City	X	
Unit Tally	2	0	Unit Tally	3	0
UNIT VOTE	AYE		UNIT VOTE	AYE	
School Board	AYE	NAY	CONFERENCE BOARD VOTE OUTCOME	AYES-3	NAYS-0
Trent Jones, EMSD	X				
Jennifer Wyant, FMSD	X				
Unit Tally	2	0			
UNIT VOTE	AYE				

Motion-Sayers/Second-Jaworski to approve the minutes of 2.6.2026 Conference Board meeting; Roll Call: Ayes-3 Nays-0 Motion Carried

Board of Supervisors	AYE	NAY	Mayors	AYE	NAY
Richard Crouch, Chair	X		Jill Shudak, Council Bluffs	X	
Jack Sayers	X		Angela Winquist, Glenwood	X	
Lonnie Mayberry	--	--	Joseph Jaworski, Silver City	X	
Unit Tally	2	0	Unit Tally	3	0
UNIT VOTE	AYE		UNIT VOTE	AYE	
School Board	AYE	NAY	CONFERENCE BOARD VOTE OUTCOME	AYES-3	NAYS-0
Trent Jones, EMSD	X				
Jennifer Wyant, FMSD	X				
Unit Tally	2	0			
UNIT VOTE	AYE				

Motion-Jaworski/Second-Wyant to approve the minutes of 2.18.2026 Public Hearing; Roll Call: Ayes-3 Nays-0 Motion Carried

Board of Supervisors	AYE	NAY	Mayors	AYE	NAY
Richard Crouch, Chair	X		Jill Shudak, Council Bluffs	X	

Jack Sayers	X		Angela Winquist, Glenwood	X	
Lonnie Mayberry	--	--	Joseph Jaworski, Silver City	X	
Unit Tally	2	0	Unit Tally	3	0
UNIT VOTE	AYE		UNIT VOTE	AYE	
School Board	AYE	NAY	CONFERENCE BOARD VOTE OUTCOME	AYES-3	NAYS-0
Trent Jones, EMSD	X				
Jennifer Wyant, FMSD	X				
Unit Tally	2	0			
UNIT VOTE	AYE				

Motion-Sayers/Second-Wyant to reappoint Deanne Buffington to the Board of Review for a 6-year term; Roll Call: Ayes-3 Nays-0 Motion Carried

Board of Supervisors	AYE	NAY	Mayors	AYE	NAY
Richard Crouch, Chair	X		Jill Shudak, Council Bluffs	X	
Jack Sayers	X		Angela Winquist, Glenwood	X	
Lonnie Mayberry	--	--	Joseph Jaworski, Silver City	X	
Unit Tally	2	0	Unit Tally	3	0
UNIT VOTE	AYE		UNIT VOTE	AYE	
School Board	AYE	NAY	CONFERENCE BOARD VOTE OUTCOME	AYES-3	NAYS-0
Trent Jones, EMSD	X				
Jennifer Wyant, FMSD	X				
Unit Tally	2	0			
UNIT VOTE	AYE				

Public Comment

Sharon McNutt & Phil Warren thanked the interim assessor, Amber Farnan for her work.

Motion-Wyant/Second-Jaworski to table action on website renewal until more information could be presented to the Board; Roll Call: Ayes-3 Nays-0 Motion Tabled

Board of Supervisors	AYE	NAY	Mayors	AYE	NAY
Richard Crouch, Chair	X		Jill Shudak, Council Bluffs	X	
Jack Sayers	X		Angela Winquist, Glenwood	X	
Lonnie Mayberry	--	--	Joseph Jaworski, Silver City	X	
Unit Tally	2	0	Unit Tally	3	0
UNIT VOTE	AYE		UNIT VOTE	AYE	
School Board	AYE	NAY	CONFERENCE BOARD VOTE OUTCOME	AYES-3	NAYS-0
Trent Jones, EMSD	X				
Jennifer Wyant, FMSD	X				
Unit Tally	2	0			
UNIT VOTE	AYE				

Farnan gave a brief update on the budget, handed out an assessor salary survey & set a budget work session for April 1, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. to be held at the Annex

Motion-Jaworski/Second-Sayers to set the FY27 budget adoption public hearing for April 29, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at the Mills County Annex; Roll Call: Ayes-3 Nays-0 Motion Carried

Board of Supervisors	AYE	NAY	Mayors	AYE	NAY
Richard Crouch, Chair	X		Jill Shudak, Council Bluffs	X	
Jack Sayers	X		Angela Winquist, Glenwood	X	
Lonnie Mayberry	X		Joseph Jaworski, Silver City	X	
Unit Tally	3	0	Unit Tally	3	0
UNIT VOTE	AYE		UNIT VOTE	AYE	
School Board	AYE	NAY	CONFERENCE BOARD VOTE OUTCOME	AYES-3	NAYS-0
Trent Jones, EMSD	X				
Jennifer Wyant, FMSD	X				
Unit Tally	2	0			
UNIT VOTE	AYE				

Motion-Mayberry/Second-Wyant to remove the deputy assessor position and add a clerk position with an hourly rate not to exceed \$24.00/hr either full or part-time; Roll Call: Ayes-3 Nays-0 Motion Carried

Board of Supervisors	AYE	NAY	Mayors	AYE	NAY
Richard Crouch, Chair	X		Jill Shudak, Council Bluffs	X	
Jack Sayers	X		Angela Winquist, Glenwood	X	
Lonnie Mayberry	X		Joseph Jaworski, Silver City	X	
Unit Tally	3	0	Unit Tally	3	0
UNIT VOTE	AYE		UNIT VOTE	AYE	
School Board	AYE	NAY	CONFERENCE BOARD VOTE OUTCOME	AYES-3	NAYS-0
Trent Jones, EMSD	X				
Jennifer Wyant, FMSD	X				
Unit Tally	2	0			
UNIT VOTE	AYE				

Conference Board requested Farnan to send out a request for a 28E to the surrounding counties to gauge if there is any interested in sharing services during the transition period; discussed possible stipend for Farnan beginning July 1, 2026 until a new assessor is appointed or a 28E is obtained.

Motion-Winquist/Second-Sayers to go into Closed Session According to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation at 4:04 p.m.; Roll Call: Ayes-3 Nays-0 Motion Carried

Board of Supervisors	AYE	NAY	Mayors	AYE	NAY
Richard Crouch, Chair	X		Jill Shudak, Council Bluffs	X	
Jack Sayers	X		Angela Winquist, Glenwood	X	
Lonnie Mayberry	X		Joseph Jaworski, Silver City	X	

Unit Tally	3	0	Unit Tally	3	0
UNIT VOTE	AYE		UNIT VOTE	AYE	
School Board	AYE	NAY	CONFERENCE BOARD VOTE OUTCOME	AYES-3	NAYS-0
Trent Jones, EMSD	X				
Jennifer Wyant, FMSD	X				
Unit Tally	2	0			
UNIT VOTE	AYE				

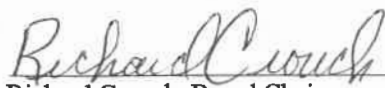
Motion-Shudak/Second-Mayberry to return to open session at 4:30 p.m.; Roll Call: Ayes-3 Nays-0 Motion Carried

Board of Supervisors	AYE	NAY	Mayors	AYE	NAY
Richard Crouch, Chair	X		Jill Shudak, Council Bluffs	X	
Jack Sayers	X		Angela Winquist, Glenwood	X	
Lonnie Mayberry	X		Joseph Jaworski, Silver City	X	
Unit Tally	3	0	Unit Tally	3	0
UNIT VOTE	AYE		UNIT VOTE	AYE	
School Board	AYE	NAY	CONFERENCE BOARD VOTE OUTCOME	AYES-3	NAYS-0
Trent Jones, EMSD	X				
Jennifer Wyant, FMSD	X				
Unit Tally	2	0			
UNIT VOTE	AYE				

No action needed after closed session.

Motion-Winquist/Second-Mayberry to adjourn at 4:32 p.m.; Roll Call: Ayes-3 Nays-0 Meeting Adjourned

Board of Supervisors	AYE	NAY	Mayors	AYE	NAY
Richard Crouch, Chair	X		Jill Shudak, Council Bluffs	X	
Jack Sayers	X		Angela Winquist, Glenwood	X	
Lonnie Mayberry	X		Joseph Jaworski, Silver City	X	
Unit Tally	3	0	Unit Tally	3	0
UNIT VOTE	AYE		UNIT VOTE	AYE	
School Board	AYE	NAY	CONFERENCE BOARD VOTE OUTCOME	AYES-3	NAYS-0
Trent Jones, EMSD	X				
Jennifer Wyant, FMSD	X				
Unit Tally	2	0			
UNIT VOTE	AYE				


Richard Crouch, Board Chair

ATTEST:


Amber Farnan Auditor/Clerk