

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

The Board of Supervisors met this 3rd day of May 2022, at the Mills County Courthouse in Glenwood with Supervisors Richard Crouch, Lonnie Mayberry present and Carol Vinton was absent

Motion by Crouch, seconded by Mayberry to approve the consent Agenda, and minutes as received from April 26, 2022 and there were no liquor license renewals. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 2, Nays; 0.

Deputy Assistant County Attorney Ryan Dale joined the session at this time.

Jacob Ferro, Engineer and Jason Andersen, Roadside Vegetation Manager joined the session at this time for the Engineer's scheduled meeting. Ferro reported the following utility permits; Lumen Technologies/CenturyLink for fiber for a residential hook up on Applewood and also to bore 4200' for a cell tower. BTC received a permit to run fiber through Malvern for internet hook ups.

Andersen presented the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (IVRM) Plan which is required to receive grant funding opportunities. Andersen stated that the mission statement for the plan is the following: Create safe, sustainable, and ecologically driven roadsides that provide native habitat, promote community enrichment, and preserve the natural heritage of Mills County.

Motion by Crouch, seconded by Mayberry to approve Resolution 22-14 adoption of IRVM Plan. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 2, Nays: 0. Roll call vote: Crouch, Aye, Mayberry, Aye, Vinton, absent.

## **RESOLUTION 22-14**

### **RE: ADOPTION OF INTEGRATED ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**WHEREAS** Iowa Code Section 314.22 declares it "to be in the general public welfare of Iowa and a highway purpose for the vegetation of Iowa's roadsides to be preserved, planted, and maintained to be safe, visually interesting, ecologically integrated, and useful for many purposes."

**WHEREAS**, the Iowa Department of Transportation provides a state-wide plan for Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management, hereafter referred to as "IRVM," to accomplish the objectives of Iowa Code Section 314.22.

**WHEREAS** Iowa county, city, and other local governments may adopt their own IRVM plan to accomplish the objectives of Iowa Code Section 314.22, thereby participating in the state-wide IRVM plan and supporting programs.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Mills County, Iowa, that:

1. The Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board," is committed to the management of safe, sustainable, and ecologically diverse roadsides through IRVM principles.
2. The Board supports the implementation of a county IRVM program, administered by the Mills County Secondary Roads Department, with a mission to "create safe, sustainable, and ecologically diverse roadsides that provide native habitat, promote community enrichment, and preserve the natural heritage of Mills County."
3. The Board adopts the Mills County Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Plan, Version Date 2-May-2022, and agrees to manage Mills County roadsides according to the provisions described therein.

Dated at Mills County, Iowa, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2022.

Motion by Crouch, seconded by Mayberry to authorize the Vice Chair to sign FM Voucher for Paddock Ave Design in the amount of \$2,622 to HGM. These funds are paid from the FM account. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 2, Nays: 0.

Motion by Crouch, seconded by Mayberry to authorize the Engineer to lock in the quote amount of \$78,356.55 from Hampton Equipment for Total Patcher. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 2, Nays: 0.

Motion by Crouch, seconded by Mayberry to approve a driveway variance request for 265'S of 59259 Kidd Rd, does not meet Ordinance separation distance but it is not a safety concern. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 2, Nays: 0.

The following individuals were present for the next item on the agenda; conditions of Lucas Road and 250<sup>th</sup> Street; Tyler Younger, Reed Allen, Miguel Neri, Duane Olsen, and Tom Hartranft. Allen was the main spokesperson for the group were here to discuss the request to have the road paved from Kidd Road where the blacktop ends to Nagel which is approximately 2 miles. Allen explained there have been a considerable amount of homes that have recently been built in this area and it has created a higher volume of traffic on this road and due to the fact, the road is gravel, conditions are not always the best especially after a rain which creates washboards on the road and is hard on the vehicles. The 20 plus residents on this road would like to see the County pave it. The Board explained they would like to pave this road as well as many other of our gravel roads within the County. However, the costs are prohibitive to do them all and how do you pick one and not the others. The practice and procedure the County has done was explained, the residents can petition to request the road be paved and present to the Engineer. The Engineer will present the petition to the Board of Supervisors and the board will direct the Engineer to do an engineer's cost study to do the project and once that is determined it is up to the landowners to pay for the initial paving and then the County will maintain afterwards. Those present for this meeting did not have a specific issue with paying for a portion, but not feel they should have to pay for the entire project, siting that the County will benefit by increased tax base of the homes in this area. The Board said they would look at the costs associated after the Engineering study is done but the homeowners need to continue the process in order to get to that point.

Julie Lynes, Public Health Administrator and Patrick Binns, IT Director were present along with Leslie Foss of KPE INC. Lynes shared with the Board of Supervisors a draft RFQ for the Annex building expansion. It was determined we would need a point of contact and since Lynes is retiring and Binns has been a large part of the project, it would be in the best interest to have Binns as the point of content. Motion by Crouch, seconded by Mayberry to move forward and send out the RFQ for the Annex expansion. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 2, Nays: 0.

Susan Wiegel, Communications/E-911 Director was present to request to hire Miranda Foster as a Dispatcher who has passed all medical, psychological evaluation and background checks. Her start date will be May 4, 2022 at the rate of \$19.17/hour per union contract. Motion by Crouch, seconded by Mayberry. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 2, Nays: 0.

Jill Ford, Treasurer and Ryan Dale, Deputy, Assistant County Attorney were present to discuss whether to proceed with a Right of Redemption on parcel #031380010200000 or proceed with a tax sale, The Board felt with the location of this property it would be in the best interest of the County to proceed with the right of redemption. Dale explained there would be cost to have the Mills County Abstract Company do a lien and title search prior to the County taking title. Motion by Crouch, seconded by Mayberry to approve moving forward with the Right of Redemption and to pay the fees for the title search. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 2, Nays: 0.

The next agenda item to approve Resolution 22-15 cancel Mills County Tax Sale and Abate taxes on a mobile home was tabled awaiting more information.

Carol Robertson, Auditor presented a letter received from BTC Inc. requesting the funds the County had obligated in October as a match for a grant in the amount of \$10,000. Motion by Crouch, seconded by Mayberry to approve the payment of \$10,000 which will be taken from the ARPA funds. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 2, Nays: 0.

Pending a review by the County Attorney's office a motion by Crouch, seconded by Mayberry to authorize the Chair to sign Collateral Assignment of Ohana Development Agreement. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 2, Nays: 0.

Joe Hurla, ROI Energy presented the County with the LED lighting proposal for the County with a few different options to choose from. The board will take the proposals under consideration and when they have a full board present discuss and determine what plan if any they will do. The Auditor will be in notify Hurla when the board decides.

The Board received the Recorder's April Report of fees.

There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned to meet on May 10, 2022.

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Lonnie Mayberry, Vice Chair

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Carol Robertson, Auditor