

Super Board Meeting
December 7, 2023

Members from Mills County, Glenwood Community School District and Glenwood City Council met for the Super Board Meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at the Mills County Courthouse Boardroom at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were: Mills County Supervisor Lonnie Mayberry, Glenwood School District Board Member Tony Winton, Superintendent Dr. Devin Embray, CFO Tim Reinert, City Council Members Jeremy Rodman and Dan McComb, City Administrator Amber Farnan, Library Director Tara Painter and guest: Brandon Davis

Super Board meetings are typically held once a quarter and are intended as informal conversations between the three taxing entities: Glenwood Schools, Mills County & City of Glenwood. Quorums may be present, but no action is taken at these meetings.

Dr. Embray clarified an error that was reported in the OT regarding revenue bond payments, the OT stated the auxiliary gym and athletic complex revenue bond payments were \$2.1 million, however, those two projects make up approx \$450,000 of the \$2.1 million of annual expenses paid for with state SAVE fund sales tax revenue allocations.

School board is reconsidering the possibility of staying on the GRC campus. The GRC task force is unsure if they can support the administration building after the State leaves the campus. The costs to move the admin building off of the power plant and run new water/sewer lines is very high. Looking for other options around the district including the possibility of a prefab building on existing school property. Assessing the bond issue and fine tuning it to bring it back to voters in November of 2024, looking at ways to fund Kid's Place building outside of the bond.

Concerns on staffing at GCSD and schools around the state, currently the state is reporting a shortage of around 1,000 teachers, and over 800 teacher positions are being filled by not "fully qualified" teachers, these numbers do not include support staff, bus drivers or substitute teachers. GCSD is requesting City, County and other local leaders to reach out to their legislators to ensure schools get the funding they need to stay solvent.

Farnan discussed several street projects around the city. 6th St West of Elm is set to open on Friday, December 8, 2023. Locust St. north from Sharp to N. Hazel bids will be discussed at the 12.12.2023 Council meeting, construction may not start until September 2024. Looking at Redbud Ave for possible repairs/replacement. Fairview creekbed to be stabilized, GCSD and the City will be adding a sidewalk to connect Fairview Dr to the Middle School.

Mayoral vacancy and appointment process was discussed. The City has 60 days from resignation to appoint or have a special election to fill the vacancy. Council voted to fill the vacancy by appointment, the public can petition for a special election within 14 days of appointment. Captain Martin w/police department is retiring at the end of the year and an officer is resigning. PD is seeking to fill the 2 positions.

Mayberry discussed the partnership with the City to bring fiber into city limits. Both parties are contributing \$250,000 to this project. Western IA Networks has already run fiber throughout Mills County, Glenwood is the last area in the County without access to fiber.

Discussed Sheriff's resignation and their appointment process, they have 40 days to appoint or hold a special election, unless a petition is brought by the public. Have several jailer and deputy position openings.

BOS will be donating LOST funds to the pickleball club to run a water line to the pickleball courts on Vine St.

They repaired parts of the sidewalk around their property.

Discussed the trails project, bridges are being repaired and should be placed this spring over Keg Creek. The School constructed a 20x40 greenhouse, will be used by FFA and for some HS courses.

Director Painter discussed the Library's water damage in basement, their ramp and the vestibule that was damaged by a vehicle. Looking to add an elevator at the Library for better accessibility. Working on securing funds and partnerships for this project.

The next Super Board Meeting will be held at City Hall on March 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.