

# EXHIBIT C

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## OPINION OF LESSEE'S COUNSEL

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Original, wet signed letter required for closing*

(Date)

Community First National Bank  
215 S. Seth Child Road  
Manhattan, KS 66502

**Re: Lessee: City of Mills**

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

As legal counsel to City of Mills (the "Lessee"), I have examined (a) an executed counterpart of a certain Master Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement, dated as of 5/20/2024, and Exhibits thereto by and between Community First National Bank (the "Lessor") and Lessee, Schedule of Equipment No. 01, dated 5/20/2024, (collectively, the "Agreement") by and between Lessor and Lessee, which, among other things, provides for the lease with option to purchase by the Lessee of certain property listed in the Schedule (the "Equipment"); (b) an executed counterpart of the ordinances or resolutions of Lessee which, among other things, authorizes Lessee to execute the Agreement and (c) such other opinions, documents and matters of law as I have deemed necessary in connection with the following opinions.

Based on the foregoing, I am of the following opinions:

- (1) Lessee's true and correct name is City of Mills.
- (2) Lessee is a public body corporate and politic, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State, and has a substantial amount of the following sovereign powers: (a) the power to tax, (b) the power of eminent domain, and (c) police power;
- (3) Lessee has the requisite power and authority to lease the Equipment with an option to purchase and to execute and deliver the Agreement and to perform its obligations under the Agreement;
- (4) The Agreement and the other documents either attached thereto or required therein have been duly authorized, approved and executed by and on behalf of Lessee and the Agreement and other documents either attached thereto or required therein are the valid and binding obligations of Lessee enforceable in accordance with their terms;
- (5) The authorization, approval and execution of the Agreement and all other proceedings of Lessee relating to the transactions contemplated thereby have been performed in accordance with all open meeting laws, public bidding laws and all other applicable state or federal laws; and
- (6) There is no proceeding pending or threatened in any court or before any governmental authority or arbitration board or tribunal that, if adversely determined, would adversely affect the transactions contemplated by the Agreement or the security interest of Lessor or its assigns, as the case may be, in the Equipment.
- (7) The signatures of the officers which appear on the Agreement are true and genuine; I know said officers and know them to hold the offices set forth below their names.
- (8) No further approval, consent or withholding of objection is required from any federal, state or local governmental authority with respect to the entering into or performance by the Lessee of the Lease and the transaction contemplated thereby.
- (9) The Equipment leased pursuant to the Agreement constitutes personal property and when subjected to use by Lessee will not be or become fixtures under applicable law.
- (10) The Lessee is a political subdivision within the meaning of Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended and the related regulations and rulings.
- (11) The leasing of the Equipment pursuant to the Agreement is exempt from all sales and use taxes against either the Lessor or the Lessee during the term of the Lease pursuant to the Agreement and the Equipment will be exempt from all state and local personal property or other ad valorem taxes.

All capitalized terms herein shall have the same meanings as in the foregoing Agreement unless otherwise provided herein. Lessor, its successors and assigns, and any counsel rendering an opinion on the tax-exempt status of the interest components of the Rental Payments are entitled to rely on this opinion.

Signature of Legal Counsel