

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
August 7, 2017

Greene County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. in the courthouse boardroom with supervisors Bardole, Burkett, Muir and Rudolph present. Absent: Contner. Motion by Bardole, second by Rudolph to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Burkett, second by Bardole to approve the minutes of July 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Dawn Rudolph reported on a Freedom Rock committee meeting. Sheriff Jack Williams reported that MidAmerican Energy has contacted his office and would like to donate \$4,000 to be used for purchase of a drone and two GPS tracking units. Williams informed the board that an 8-hour training class & licensing will be required for those piloting the drone.

Conservation director Dan Towers reported that a fishing riffle at McMann Access had been damaged on the north side some time ago. Public access is on the south side of the river. Craig Flack has already begun repairing the riffle, as the river is low, and he has both the equipment and fieldstone to do so. The repair is estimated at \$15,000. Towers then reported Northern Natural Gas has requested an easement on the county's former railroad property north of Rippey for which it will pay \$15,000. Towers asked that the \$15,000, which would be deposited to the county general fund, be used to cover the cost of the fishing riffle repair since his budget did not include this particular repair in the current year. The supervisors agreed that a funds transfer may be made after receipt of the right-of-way payment to cover the riffle repair.

Motion by Rudolph, second by Burkett to accept the Recorder's Report of Fees for July. Motion carried unanimously.

Chuck Wenthold reviewed the 480 points claimed for master matrix scoring of a proposed hog expansion for Skalla Farm Site located in Section 24 of Scranton Township. Wenthold noted points have been taken for a closure plan. Brian Ritland of Pinnacle Group was present to take questions from the board. The board did note that weeds (rather than grass) around the current site might be a concern. The hearing for the site is scheduled for next week.

Wenthold then reported that he and the county engineer had met with MidAmerican officials last week regarding the Beaver Creek Wind Energy project in the northeast portion of the county. The project is on schedule and will begin to haul in towers in two weeks. Chair Muir also reported driving the unofficial north route of the Grand Junction area detour with the county engineer, noting that all the proper signage is already on that route.

Motion by Rudolph, second by Bardole to approve abating the county portion of taxes on a down-payment assistance property. Motion carried unanimously. This is the final abatement for the program.

Motion by Burkett, second by Rudolph to approve two final retainage payments totaling \$3,198.02 to Leroy & Sons for work on drainage districts 2 and 27. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rudolph, second by Burkett to approve a contract C037 (70) - - 55-37 with Iowa Bridge & Culvert, LC for work on a bridge on E57. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Wade Weiss reported that work has begun on the E39 bridge near Ralston and work on the road culvert at Deal's Orchard has been completed.

Chair Muir adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

John J. Muir, Chair BOS

ATTEST: Jane Heun, Auditor