

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
January 15, 2018

Greene County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. in the courthouse boardroom with supervisors Bardole, Contner, Muir and Rudolph present. Absent: Burkett. Motion by Rudolph, second by Bardole to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Contner, second by Bardole to approve the minutes of January 8, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Peter Bardole reporting attending meetings of the GCDC voting board and Chamber.

Don Orris shared the plans for a new animal shelter in Jefferson. Orris's presentation included an estimated cost of \$1.1M to build and furnish the shelter and dog park, with funding entirely from grants, pledges and donations. Orris provided building plans, photos, operating budget information and other information on the project. The county has agreed to an annual financial commitment of \$15,000 towards operations when the shelter begins operation. A 28E agreement is to be considered for operations after construction is completed. Orris's request for a letter of support from the board of supervisors for inclusion in a grant application was also discussed. Motion by Bardole, second by Rudolph to approve a letter of support for the animal shelter grant application to Grow Greene County Gaming Corporation. Motion carried unanimously.

Conservation director Dan Towers reviewed proposed FY19 conservation budgets for general operations, REAP, Conservation Reserve and Bike Trail. The general operations budget reflects an increase of approximately 3.5% over the current year, with increases mainly due to wages, camping utility costs, repair and maintenance. Camping and other recreational fees are estimated by Towers to exceed \$190,000 while expenditures total just over \$392,000 for general operations. Towers shared plans for Spring Lake basketball court construction, Squirrel Hollow upgrade and latrine upgrades to be funded from the county's conservation reserve fund. Towers requested general fund transfers of \$30,000 from camping receipts and \$8,500 in trail pass receipts, as well as \$5,000 in LOSST revenues to fund projects and upgrades included in Conservation Reserve and Bike Trail budgets. No action was taken.

Sheriff Jack Williams reviewed proposed FY19 sheriff budgets included in the general and rural funds, as well as the K9, Forfeiture and LOSST funds. Williams pointed out a large increase to the food and provisions line item due to a full jail and "farmed-out" prisoners to other counties. The budget includes expenditures for two new vehicles and laptops to replace two 2014 Tahoes and older laptops. Also included are increases to overtime lines and five percent base-pay increases for deputies. Charges to cities for contract law enforcement are scheduled to increase by ten percent in FY19. Overall estimated expenditures from all sheriff funds are estimated at \$1.48 M, down from current year \$1.5M. Revenues are estimated at slightly over \$200,000. No action was taken.

Auditor Jane Heun reviewed the proposed FY19 Emergency Management budget with the supervisors, who act as the emergency management commission. Budgeted expenditures reflect an increase in the county contribution to Region V Hazardous Materials Response Commission from \$1.25 up to \$1.50 per county population (2010 census), or \$2,234. Greene County's contribution to the emergency management commission is proposed as \$32,000, an increase of \$4,000 from the current fiscal year. Motion by Contner, second by Rudolph to set a public hearing for the proposed FY19 Emergency Management Commission budget at 9:00 a.m. on February 5, 2018 in the courthouse boardroom. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Contner, second by Rudolph to approve auditor signing of E911 checks. Motion carried unanimously.

The board next considered an engagement agreement with Ahlers and Cooney law firm regarding legal rates for county urban renewal/economic development consultation matters. The board has scheduled another visit with Ahlers and Cooney at its next meeting on Thursday, January 18th to further discuss the county's interest. Motion by Bardole, second by Contner to approve the engagement agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

The board heard a report from Engineer Wade Weiss prior to adjournment by Chair Muir at 10:45 a.m.

John J. Muir, Chair BOS

ATTEST: Jane Heun, Auditor