

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
January 18, 2018

Greene County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. in the courthouse boardroom with all supervisors present: Bardole, Burkett, Contner, Muir, Richardson. Motion by Contner, second by Bardole to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Rudolph, second by Bardole to approve the minutes of January 15, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Tom Contner reported attending a Greene County Recycling Agency meeting. Supervisor Peter Bardole reported for an Airport Commission meeting he attended. Assistant county attorney Thomas Laehn asked the board to establish a formal courthouse security committee which could recommend security measures for both court and non-court related offices and areas to the supervisors for their consideration. Laehn also discussed policies for handling public records request.

Treasurer Donna Lawson provided two reports for the board's consideration. Motion by Rudolph, second by Burkett to accept the Treasurer's Investment & Drivers License Report for December. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Contner, second by Bardole to approve the Treasurer's Semiannual Publication Report for December 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously. Lawson then reviewed her FY19 budget proposal for her office and explained any line item increases being proposed. Proposed expenditures total \$280,600, an increase of \$9,300, or 3.4%. Revenues generated from vehicle registrations, driver licenses, motor vehicle and tax sale fees, etc. are estimated at nearly \$132,000. No action was taken.

Mike Piepel requested FY19 funding of \$1,200 to continue to serve as indigent caretaker for three county residents as he has for many years. That request is down from \$1,500 in the current fiscal year. No action was taken.

Chuck Wenthold reviewed the proposed FY19 environmental health budget totaling nearly \$70,000, up from the current \$65,000. Wenthold explained the 7.7% increase is due to wages, radon test kits purchases (if grant funding received), water testing kits, and advertising & equipment to be reimbursed by Grants to County funds (for water testing, well closings). Wenthold increased revenue expectations from grants to county revenues and hopes to receive radon grant funding, with total revenues estimated at approximately \$36,000. No action was taken.

The board next took the compensation commission's recommendation of a 3% increase for elected officials for FY19 under consideration. The board noted that the supervisors have not taken an increase in pay over the past three fiscal years. Motion by Burkett, second by Rudolph to agree with and approve the comp board recommendation of 3% increase to elected officials. Aye: Burkett, Rudolph, Bardole. Nay: Contner, Muir. Motion carried.

Nathan Overberg (and Kristin Cooper, by phone) of Ahlers & Cooney law firm again visited with the board regarding the county's potential to use new wind turbines for urban renewal/economic development and tax increment financing purposes. Overberg reviewed Iowa Code authority in these areas and discussed LMI and non-LMI housing projects, infrastructure and other projects, and limitations set by Code. Overberg answered the many questions of the board and those present. Jeff Heil of Northland Securities, accompanied by Heidi Kuehl, was on hand to explain the incremental value that could be captured from the wind turbines using TIF should the board proceed with setting up a county urban renewal/economic development plan and ordinance. The entire discussion lasted nearly two hours, with Chair Muir adjourning the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

John J. Muir, Chair BOS

ATTEST: Jane Heun, Auditor