

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
March 5, 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 Contner to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bardole, second by Rudolph to approve the minutes of February 26, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Peter Bardole reported attending a Bell Tower Foundation meeting and RAGBRAI meeting. Supervisor Dawn Rudolph reported attending the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) site visit for a proposed hog confinement operation in Greenbrier Township. Assistant county attorney Thomas Laehn reported the county attorney's office is adding another phone line. Chief deputy Nathaniel Chapman spoke of the many mental health-related transports the sheriff's office has had recently.

Denny Lautner questioned the board about the land appraisal for eighty acres and contractual agreement related to the GCCSD bond issue.

Motion by Contner, second by Bardole to accept the Recorder's Report of Fees for February. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair John Muir opened a public hearing to take comments on the proposed disposal of the county's interest in 0.352 acres of property to Jerry Kelley. Conservation director Dan Towers explained that the approximately 1/3-acre parcel would go to Kelley now to "clean up" what the county owns near Henderson Park and put that piece into taxation. In turn, Towers believes the county will be given 16 acres by Kelley in the future. No written or oral comments were received. Motion by Contner, second by Rudolph to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bardole, second by Rudolph to adopt Resolution 2018-08 approving the proposed disposition:

WHEREAS Greene County is the owner of 0.352 acres of real property legally described as Lot Ten (10) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 20, Township 83 North, Range 30 West, Greene County, Iowa;

WHEREAS the Greene County Board of Supervisors has published notice and held a public hearing to hear comments on a proposal to dispose of Greene County's interest in said real property;

WHEREAS said hearing has been held and a determination may now be made on the proposed disposition of the real property pursuant to Iowa Code § 331.361(2)(b);

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors has determined that continued County ownership of said real property serves no public purpose and that it would be beneficial to the people of Greene County for the property to be placed back on the tax rolls; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors has further determined that such a disposition of the property would serve the public purpose of reducing maintenance expenses, reducing liability exposure, and generating property taxes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greene County Board of Supervisors approves the transfer of said real property to Jerry Kelley by quit claim deed for no cash consideration.

Roll call: Aye: Bardole, Contner, Muir, Rudolph. Absent: Burkett. Resolution adopted.

Due to an overflow crowd in the boardroom for the next agenda item – a public hearing for a construction permit for Oakview Pork, LLC, Section 26 Greenbrier Township - Chair Muir announced that the board would move to the courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse. Muir opened the hearing at 9:15 a.m. in the courtroom and allowed those who had signed up to address the board with their comments. Those speaking against the hog construction project included neighbors and other county residents: Jody & Chad Byerly, Roberta Brown Henning, Dennis & Janet Hendricks, Dale Hanaman, Chris Henning, Kent Bates, Bill Frederick. Air quality, water quality and owners not residing near the site were common areas of concern from those speaking against the site. Erica Blair of Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement (ICCI) asked the board to take away 110 points from the master matrix score of 450 for the site. She provided written objections to scores taken regarding the manure structure, truck turnaround, feeding and watering system and closure plan. Chair Muir also read seven emails received from those (some present) against the site.

John McCormick and Brian Hunter spoke in favor of the project as a means to keep young people involved in livestock and agriculture in the county. The supervisors individually shared their comments about the matrix process and issues involved. Chair Muir asked for clarification of plans for disposal of dead animals and tree planting. Becky Sexton of Twin Lakes Environmental Service spoke on behalf of owners Nick Miller and Megan Carman who were present for the hearing. They did not address the board when asked if they would like to do so.

At 10:30 a.m., motion by Contner, second by Rudolph to close the hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bardole, second by Contner to recommend approval of the construction permit to the IDNR with inclusion of the comments and concerns expressed both written and orally at the hearing. Roll call: Aye: Bardole, Rudolph, Contner, Muir. Absent: Burkett. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Muir adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

John J. Muir, Chair BOS

ATTEST: Jane Heun, Auditor