

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
May 14, 2018

Greene County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. in the courthouse boardroom with all supervisors present: Bardole, Burkett, Contner, Muir, Rudolph. Motion by Contner, second by Bardole to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Burkett, second by Contner to approve the minutes of May 7, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Chuck Wenthold shared a project status report from Beaver Creek II Wind Project. Thomas Laehn reminded the board the courthouse risk assessment walk through is scheduled for May 15th. Laehn also shared that, as assistant county attorney, he is implementing new policies & procedures for handling domestic abuse cases. Conservation director Dan Towers shared information regarding county ownership of conservation-related land acquisitions and disposals of those properties.

Motion by Contner, second by Burkett to approve claims for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Becky Wolf, Public Health director, provided the updated Greene County Public Health Emergency Response Plan document to the board while sharing some of its contents with them. Wolf shared a digital version of the plan with board members prior to her meeting with them. Motion by Contner, second by Burkett to accept the Emergency Response Plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bardole, second by Rudolph to set a county budget amendment public hearing at 9:00 a.m. May 29, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bardole, second by Rudolph to accept the Treasurer's Investment and Driver's License Report for April. Motion carried unanimously.

Iowa Drainage District Association executive director John Torbert was present to provide his annual update to the board of supervisors. Torbert shared relevant federal legislation history and enforcement information regarding Waters of the United States (WOTUS). Torbert then mentioned the lawsuit by the Des Moines Waterworks against drainage districts dismissed last year. Water quality projects will be eligible for some new cost share funding per Torbert.

Dennis Morlan visited with the board about his impending retirement from Greene County EMS. Morlan stated he is no longer physically able to continue with every level of emergency medical services he has provided for the past 32 years. Morlan would like for the board to work with him to determine how to best continue emergency services in the county. Factors that make it difficult to hire and retain new employees and reduced reimbursement rates in Medicaid and Medicare payments for services were cited as problematic. Morlan discussed multiple models for EMS operations including privately operated, county operated, hospital

operated, or a blend such as the county's. Greene County 's ambulance budget provides \$3,200 per month to the service in addition to paying for repairs & maintenance of the county's three ambulances, utilities & building maintenance for a total of \$50,000 per year. The budget remains unchanged from year to year unless there is a need to purchase a new ambulance. Morlan emphasized that, although his contract with the county expires at June 30th, he does not intend to leave the county without emergency medical services. Discussion is expected to continue at a later meeting.

The board heard a short report from Engineer Wade Weiss prior to Chair Muir adjourning the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

John J. Muir, Chair BOS

ATTEST: Jane Heun, Auditor