

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
December 17, 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 Burkett to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bardole, second by Rudolph to approve the minutes of December 10, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisors giving reports of meetings attended included Tom Contner for New Opportunities, Pete Bardole for the Chamber, and Mick Burkett for Second Judicial District.

During open forum James Wasson, VFW commander, shared concerns with the board as to when the VA director position is to be filled. The position has been vacant since the end of August. Don Van Gilder and members of the Courthouse 100 committee shared their thoughts about continuing the work of that committee in its mission to educate the public and promote continued preservation of the courthouse and its history. Chuck Offenburger, Mike Piepel, Jean Van Gilder, Mary Weaver, and Pat Richards all shared their ideas about the goals of the Courthouse 100 committee.

Jefferson mayor Craig Berry requested and received permission to use the courthouse building and grounds for the next Market-to-Market Relay scheduled in May 2019. Berry then requested that the board fund a \$3,500 county-wide fire department assessment through Region XII Council of Government with the goal of preparing an assessment of services provided by the fire departments in the county. Scranton fire chief Doug Duff stated his objection to the study, noting that the various county fire departments already know what equipment and services each provides, mentioning mutual aid among the departments. Duff reiterated that the departments each have inventories of equipment and share that information with the other departments. After discussion, no action was taken by the supervisors.

Chair John Muir shared a resolution for Don Van Gilder's retirement from the Engineer's office. Motion by Contner, second by Rudolph to approve Resolution 2018-33:

BE IT RESOLVED that Greene County sincerely thanks Don Van Gilder for his 44 years and 8 months of dedicated service. Don's tireless effort in improving the transportation system through unparalleled attention to detail and use of sound engineering principles and practices is greatly appreciated. His commitment to community betterment throughout Greene County is equally commendable and highly respected.

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

Becky Wolf shared an updated Board of Health policy with the board for approval. Motion by Contner, second by Burkett to adopt "Isolation and Quarantine of Persons with Communicable Disease". Motion carried unanimously. Wolf then discussed the Public Health department's county funding request for FY20, while sharing a report that included FY18 actual

revenue/expenditure totals, current year (FY19) annualized figures, and FY20 estimated revenues/expenditures. Wolf requested \$300,000 funding from the board for FY20, same as current year funding. No action was taken.

Thomas Laehn introduced Tim Farmer to the board as his recommended assistant county attorney. Motion by Bardole, second by Rudolph to approve Resolution 2018-34:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors approves an employment agreement with Timothy Farmer as part time Assistant County Attorney beginning December 17, 2018 at an annual salary of \$38,000 in accordance with the terms of the employment contract.

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

Motion by Contner, second by Burkett to approve Resolution 2018-35:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors approves hiring Caleb Jans as Deputy Sheriff effective December 19, 2018 at an annual salary of \$42,560.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors approves reimbursing the City of Jefferson 75% of the costs related to Jans' law enforcement academy costs and related wages & benefits while attending the academy training for a total of \$10,954.06.

Roll Call: Aye: Bardole, Burkett, Contner, Muir, Rudolph.

Peg Raney, Jamie Daubendiek and Amy Milligan were present to share a short video on behalf of Jefferson Matters: Main Street. The seven-minute video shared interviews relating the group's accomplishments in Jefferson. The 2018 annual report and 2019 Plan of Action were shared. Fundraising efforts were discussed, with a request of \$2,500 from the county for FY20. Current year funding totals \$2,000. No action was taken.

Ken Paxton and Sid Jones were present to give an update on behalf of GCDC for the year. Jones cited new businesses in GCDC's business park and work being done in the county for housing projects. Jones also emphasized the importance of the many organizations that have worked together to make projects happen. GCDC's funding request remains at \$50,000 for FY20. No action was taken.

Doug Hawn presented the Fair Association's FY18 Report to the Board and FY20 budget proposal. Hawn reported that the Fair's building program over the past five years has been successful (new beef, sheep, hog and pen-of-three structures), with three of the new buildings rented out. Hawn requested \$26,000 for FY20, an increase of \$2,000 over current year funding. No action was taken.

Hawn went on to discuss an E911 loan proposal to the board. Greene County needs to change its radios to work with the State's new radio system. Hawn proposes E911 borrow \$175,000 for the new system costs to be backed by the county as done in past loan agreements. The proposal will be on a later agenda.

Holly Elbert and Emmett Konrad of BBS Architects/Engineers were present to provide an overview of the courthouse HVAC project plans being worked on by the firm. Elbert explained that the firm is approximately half way through the design phase. She discussed the challenges of the project and explained what is being proposed for the courthouse HVAC. Elbert also proposed options to eventually carry out the project, such as dividing the work according to quadrants in the courthouse or on a floor by floor basis. The HVAC project itself is estimated at \$1.7M (apart from BBS costs, office-moving costs, other costs). Additionally Elbert estimated an additional \$250,000 could be spent to bring up to date first and third floor restrooms. The board discussed when it might be ready for final documents to be prepared for the HVAC project, with no determination made. Chair Muir explained that funding for the HVAC project necessarily needs to be determined before further work is performed. The hour-long presentation and discussion concluded with Chair Muir adjourning the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

John J. Muir, Chair BOS

ATTEST: Jane Heun, Auditor