

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
January 7, 2019

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 Bardole, second by Contner to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Rudolph, second by Burkett to approve the minutes of January 2, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

County attorney Thomas Laehn shared proposed amendments to the current animal shelter 28E agreement with the City of Jefferson. Laehn noted his intent to share the same with the city's attorney prior to board consideration. Laehn reported assistant county attorney Tim Farmer has submitted his resignation. Farmer's responsibilities per his contract have created conflicts with his employment at the law firm where he also works. Laehn hopes that conflicts may be resolved in a restructured agreement. Finally, Laehn noted his plan to get the courthouse security committee's recommendations to the board on an upcoming agenda, noting that the board would likely review those recommendations in closed session (information concerning security procedures).

Jefferson city administrator Mike Palmer updated the board on current and upcoming projects planned for the east entryway and buildings on the square.

Motion by Burkett, second by Bardole to accept the Recorder's Report of Fees for December. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Rudolph, second by Contner to accept the Auditor's Report of Passport Fees for Oct/Nov/Dec. Motion carried unanimously.

Jan Gammon, coordinator for Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway, was present to update the board on the Lincoln Highway Corridor Management Plan created in 2015-2017 and the status of projects performed or to be performed as a result of that plan. Gammon noted that Greene County residents provided the best attendance at the initial meetings of the 13 counties (43 communities) included in the byway across the state. Gammon shared several brochures and time frame for projects, events and promotions and cited a re-enactment of a 1919 military convoy planned for later this year.

Carole Custer and Bob Schwarzkopf presented the Bell Tower Community Foundation's 2018 report and financials. Custer reported that Tower attendance increased more than 9% in 2018 exceeding the goal of 6,000 visitors by 544. The foundation requests \$7,500 for FY20, unchanged from current year funding. No action was taken.

Deb McGinn, Tower View Team chairperson, presented the Team's request that the board consider allowing four sculptures to remain on the courthouse plaza for an entire year until replacement by the next year's winning sculptures. Current winners declared during the tower festival are kept on display on the plaza for six months. McGinn noted a change is planned for the contest with four artists being awarded a stipend of \$1,000 each for their sculptures.

McGinn, Angie Gingery and Sid Jones all expressed their views about community artwork. No action was taken.

Patti Treibel-Leeds addressed the board in detail about a national initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illness in jails. The “Stepping Up Initiative” is designed to provide officials, professionals, community stakeholders and people with mental illnesses with resources necessary to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails. Treibel-Leeds described the various technical assistance modules available to help the county complete the six steps supported by the initiative. Jail diversion services were also discussed. Treibel-Leeds requested the board adopt a resolution in support of the Stepping Up Initiative at its next meeting.

After a short report from Engineer Wade Weiss, Muir adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

John J. Muir, Chair BOS

ATTEST: Jane Heun, Auditor