

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
January 10, 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 7, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Bardole reported attending a Chamber meeting, noting the annual meeting is set for January 29th. County attorney Thomas Laehn reported that Stop the Bleed tourniquet training for employees has been scheduled for January 30th. Engineer Wade Weiss reported he plans to lock in the price for two new trucks (Freightliners) to be purchased next fiscal year.

Linda Ross, accompanied by Diane Jackson, provided an update of 2018 congregate meals served by the Elderserve II program (Jefferson Congregate Meals). An average of 94 meals/day were served at the center and by delivery to homes in Jefferson, Churdan, Grand Junction and Scranton over the 248 serving days. The organization became a 501(c)(3) organization eligible to receive tax deductible contributions during the year. Ross requested \$12,000 in FY20 county funding. Current year funding is \$9,000. No action was taken.

Motion by Bardole, second by Burkett to approve Resolution 2019-02:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Greene County Board of Supervisors approves hiring Don Van Gilder as part time employee in the Engineer's office at a rate of \$30/hour.

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

Motion by Rudolph, second by Contner to adopt Resolution 2019-03 Stepping Up Initiation:

WHEREAS counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses booked into jail each year; and

WHEREAS prevalence rates of serious mental illnesses in jails are three to six times higher than for the general population; and

WHEREAS almost three-quarters of adults with serious mental illnesses in jails have co-occurring substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS adults with mental illnesses tend to stay longer in jail and upon release are at a higher risk of recidivism than people without these disorders; and

WHEREAS county jails spend two to three times more on adults with mental illnesses that require interventions compared to those without these treatment needs; and

WHEREAS without the appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals and their families; and

WHEREAS Greene County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS Greene County has entered into an arrangement with Friends Forever Social Education Center Services, a provider within the Central Iowa Community Services Mental Health Region to coordinate Jail Diversion services to help people stay out of jail by offering mental health and substance use disorder treatment; through intensive case management services.

WHEREAS through *Stepping Up*, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Association Foundation are encouraging public, private and nonprofit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Greene County does hereby sign onto the Call to Action to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our county jail, commit to sharing lessons learned with other counties in our state and across the country to support a national initiative and encourage all county officials, employees and residents to participate in *Stepping Up*. We resolve to utilize the comprehensive resources available through *Stepping Up* to:

- Convene or draw on a diverse team of leaders and decision makers from multiple agencies committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.
- Collect and review prevalence numbers and assess individuals' needs to better identify adults entering jails with mental illnesses and their recidivism risk and use that baseline information to guide decision making at the system, program, and case levels.
- Examine treatment and service capacity to determine which programs and services are available in the county for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders and identify state and local policy and funding barriers to minimizing contact with the justice system and providing treatment and supports in the community.
- Develop a plan with measurable outcomes that draws on the jail assessment and prevalence data and the examination of available treatment and service capacity, while considering identified barriers.
- Implement research-based approaches that advance the plan.
- Create a process to track progress using data and information systems, and to report on successes.

Passed and approved on this 10th day of January, 2019

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

Ellen Ritter shared draft general assistance forms to be reviewed and amended by the supervisors. Those forms include a General Assistance Policy, General Assistance Application, Cremation Assistance Application, Release of Information form, and Community Services Network Release form. All forms/policies are to be considered for approval at a future meeting.

Jeff Heil of Northland Securities spent the remainder of the meeting reviewing wind turbine TIF debt financing options with the supervisors. Heil shared charts demonstrating estimated TIF property taxes that could be generated specifically for the Career Academy project (\$5M GO debt schedule payments) using the first 41 wind towers currently included in the county's urban renewal plan as well as a second chart that would include the 85 wind towers recently completed, but not currently included in the county's urban renewal plan. Road projects were

also generally discussed as other projects that might be paid from TIF debt financing. Heil took questions from the board and others participating in the presentation for nearly one hour before the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. by Chair Muir.

John J. Muir, Chair BOS

ATTEST: Jane Heun, Auditor