

Auditor's Office  
Jefferson, Iowa  
January 21, 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 17, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Chuck Wenthold reported attending a Beaver Creek Watershed meeting, noting a preliminary copy of the first half of the watershed plan should soon be available. Supervisor Pete Bardole and Chair John Muir reported meeting with Lacy Brubaker to work on a timeline for county delivery of EMS services.

The board listened to budget proposals from various departments including Environmental Health, Attorney, Sheriff, County Vet services, Treasurer, Recorder, IT/Drain Clerk, Supervisors, Clerk of Court, and Auditor/Elections.

The Environmental Health budget proposal reviewed by Chuck Wenthold included a 3% salary increase and increased estimates for postage, supplies and water tests. Wenthold estimated revenue from grants to counties for water testing and well closings should also increase to cover increased water testing costs. Total general fund expenditures (\$66,830) reflect a nearly \$4,000 increase, or 6.3%, with grant revenues estimates increased by \$6,750, or nearly 30%.

The Attorney budget proposal reviewed by Thomas Laehn included a 7.34% increase to the attorney salary as recommended by the compensation board as well as a 5.5% increase to the office secretary/assistant position per Laehn's research. While the assistant to attorney position is currently vacant, Laehn hopes to fill that position. Laehn estimated general fund expenditures of \$239,209, a decrease of \$14,150, or 5.6%. Laehn noted, that while not included in this budget, he would like to include a victim witness coordinator position in a future budget, possibly combined with an attorney recovery fee clerk position. The county currently has a 28E agreement with Boone County for attorney recovery fees resulting in fifty percent of those recoveries being returned to Boone County.

Sheriff Jack Williams reviewed his budget proposal that included estimated increases of 2.5% for dispatchers, 5% for jailers, and 8% for deputies. The sheriff's salary reflects a 4% increase recommended by the compensation board. Williams requested an additional full-time jailer slot estimated at \$37,000 with overtime, and increased jail expenditures related to the inmate housing. Two replacement vehicles for next year were included in the budget, one from the general fund, and one from the LOSST fund. The general fund budget expenditure estimate of \$842,331 reflects a 12.4% increase of \$93,165 from the current budget. The rural fund budget estimate of \$478,520 is currently 5.2% lower than the current year budget. (Current year general and rural expenditures are expected to be amended to increase for jail expenditures, interim EMS transition costs, etc.) Williams revenue estimate increased slightly to

approximately \$206,000, with nearly \$123,000 of that amount attributed to contract law enforcement in cities.

Mike Bierl reviewed the Veteran Services budget proposal. Bierl estimated general fund expenditures totaling \$42,030, a decrease of nearly 13.6% from the current year budget. The veteran services position is now part-time, reducing this year's estimate. The county hopes once again to receive \$10,000 in state funding to support the vet service officer costs and training.

The Treasurer budget proposal presented by Katlynn Mechaelsen included a 2.96% increase to the treasurer salary as recommended by the compensation board, with the same percentage increase for her deputy and 3% increases for other positions. Michaelson's general fund budget proposal reflects a \$1,782 (.7%) decrease to \$240,681. Michaelson noted she has reduced several of the line item amounts included in the current budget. Revenues were estimated at just under \$147,500.

Marcia Tasler reviewed proposed Recorder revenues estimated at \$74,300. Expenditures were increased to reflect a 6.15% increase to Recorder salary recommended by the compensation board as well as to the deputy salary, the only increases to the proposed budget over the current year. Proposed general fund expenditures are \$124,868, an increase of \$6,475 (5.5%) overall.

Michelle Fields first reviewed the Drain department budget proposal reflecting a 3% salary increase and decreases to office supplies. Total general fund budget increase is \$557, or less than 2%. Fields then reviewed the IT budget proposal, also reflecting a 3% salary increase and increases for hardware (server virtualization) and software upgrades expected to be completed. The general fund expenditures are estimated at \$298,369, a net increase of over \$76,000.

The supervisors reviewed budget proposals for the Board and the Clerk of Court. Inputting the compensation board recommendation of 3.6% salary increases for supervisors and other line item reductions for labor relation services and legal/court-related services, total general fund expenditures are \$179,215. The current budget is at \$188,165. The Clerk of Court budget proposal at \$117,400 remains nearly unchanged from the current budget of \$117,700.

Billie Hoskins reviewed the Election portion of the Auditor's budget proposal that included an 8.6% increase for her deputy salary and changes to the various election-related expenditures over the current budget. The proposed budget includes estimates for a November 2019 combined city/school election, a change from the separately-held September school and November city elections held in the past in odd-numbered years. The 2020 June primary election is also figured into the proposed budget. Poll worker wages are estimated at \$9.50 per hour. The county is reimbursed by cities and schools for their share of the election costs. Hoskins noted the process may be more complicated with all persons expected to vote within general election precincts for the combined city/school election. Proposed general supplemental fund expenditures are estimated at \$141,369, or 5.8% higher than the current year. Jane Heun reviewed the General fund (non-election) portion of the Auditor's budget that

reflects an 8.6% salary increase for Auditor as recommended by the compensation board. The overall general fund portion is proposed at \$125,575, up \$9,100 (7.8%) from the current budget.

The board took no action on any of the budget proposals and will continue with other department proposals at its next meeting. Chair Muir adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

John J. Muir, Chair BOS

ATTEST: Jane Heun, Auditor