

Auditor's Office  
Jefferson, Iowa  
January 24, 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 Rudolph to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Contner, second by Burkett to approve the minutes of January 21, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Pete Bardole reported on meetings attended for the Chamber and Bell Tower Community Foundation. Chair John Muir reported that the collective bargaining meeting pertaining to Sheriff department union has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. County attorney Thomas Laehn gave an update on the status of several Greene County cases. Additionally, Laehn reported that the 28E agreement between the County and the Greene County Community School District for the career academy is scheduled to be considered by the School at its meeting February 20<sup>th</sup>. Laehn recommended the supervisors act on the 28E agreement around that same time.

Sheriff Jack Williams recommended the city of Jefferson be given a deadline to act on a proposed 28E agreement with the county for the law enforcement center and communications services. Williams recommended the Entity Board, composed of county and city officials, meet February 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss that budget.

Betsy Stursma and Patti Treibel-Leeds of the county's mental health region (CICS) were present to discuss mental health advocate duties and their employment with counties. Greene County's advocate also works as an advocate for Dallas and Guthrie counties and as an assistant in Polk County per Stursma. The advocate resides in Polk County and travels to represent the interests Greene County residents involuntarily hospitalized by the court (in matters relating to their hospitalization & treatment). Discussion about who should supervise the advocate (currently no supervision) resulted in the recommendation that Ellen Ritter, the county's service coordinator, be assigned that responsibility during the board's next scheduled meeting. Treibel-Leeds noted that Cassie Fowler has been appointed to the CICS advisory board as a provider representative at the end of discussion.

Motion by Rudolph, second by Burkett to approve the Iowa Wages Publication Report for calendar 2018. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bardole, second by Rudolph to approve the semi-annual County Substance Abuse grant report. Motion carried unanimously.

Ellen Ritter reviewed the General Assistance budget proposal. General fund expenditures proposed are \$32,385. Current year expenditures are budgeted at \$33,302.

Sheriff Jack Williams reviewed the proposal which will include wages and benefits for six full time employees as well as part time positions. The current \$50,000 Ambulance budget includes amounts for Greene County EMS contracted services, utilities, vehicle and building

maintenance. The proposed FY20 budget estimates general fund expenditures totaling \$512,300 that include wages, fuel, supplies, uniforms, telecommunications and other costs not previously included in this budget. An amendment to the current year is also anticipated using March 1 as a start date for the county to provide ambulance services. That estimate results in the current year ambulance budget increasing from the original \$50,000 to an estimated \$284,800. Buyout of equipment from Greene County EMS is included at \$100,000, which Williams stated may be extended into the new budget year (FY20). Williams estimates \$350,000 in ambulance services revenues for FY20, and little or no revenues over the amendment period.

Conservation director Dan Towers reviewed budget proposals for general operations (general fund), REAP, Conservation Reserve and Bike Trail. The general operations budget proposal totals \$372,800, which would be just \$1,700 higher than current year operations, if a proposed amendment of \$10,000 for law enforcement academy training for the new park ranger is taken into consideration. Towers estimates camping and other recreational fees of \$197,000 and reported that an online registration system has been implemented for reservations for the cabins and twenty campsites. REAP revenue is estimated at \$8,000. Conservation Reserve projects include another latrine at Spring Lake (with some grant funding being sought), road seal-coating at the lake, and Squirrel Hollow electrical upgrading. Towers requested a \$50,000 transfer from the general fund (camping receipts) to cover those costs. Towers requested \$8,000 from trail pass revenue and \$5,000 from LOSST funds to be transferred for Bike Trail maintenance projects. The public art project for signage on the trail is expected to carry over into the next fiscal year and is also included in the Bike Trail budget along with related grant funding.

The board reviewed Human Services proposed expenditures totaling \$5,964 with estimated revenues totaling \$9,000. Medical Examiner proposed budget is \$25,000. This budget may vary greatly from year to year. Nineteen cases were investigated in calendar 2018 compared to fourteen in 2017. Auditor Jane Heun discussed the county's contribution for Emergency Management. Heun has included \$33,000 for that contribution, up \$1,000 from the current year. The Emergency Management Commission budget is to be reviewed at the board's next meeting. The board looked at the general services budget and discussed projects related to elevators in the tower and courthouse as well as the courthouse HVAC. More information is needed before that budget is proposed.

The board then held a lengthy conversation concerning the recommendations made by the compensation board for elected official salaries. No action was taken on this or any of the budget proposals presented.

Muir adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

John J. Muir, Chair BOS

ATTEST: Jane Heun, Auditor