

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
February 19, 2019

Greene County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. in the courthouse boardroom with supervisors Bardole, Burkett, Muir and Rudolph present. Absent: Contner. Motion by Bardole, second by Rudolph to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Rudolph, second by Burkett to approve the minutes of February 14, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Michelle Fields, drain clerk, reported she met with Jacob Hagan of Bolton & Menk regarding new drainage district (DD) 191. Fields recommended setting a date/time for an informational meeting with landowners in the new district. Lacy Brubaker reported the state onsite inspection is scheduled next week for the new county ambulance service.

Supervisor Pete Bardole reported for a Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Commission meeting he attended. Supervisor Dawn Rudolph raised a question as to whether the county should provide a laptop to the county's mental health advocate or pay the HICS region to use the one the advocate uses there. Discussion was held regarding advantages of making a change to having an advocate who resides and works within the county's mental health region (CICS) versus one residing outside the county's region.

Ken Paxton, GCDC director, accompanied by local representatives Peg Raney (Jefferson Matters: Main Street), Pat Richards (Mahanay Tower), Mary Weaver (Jefferson Gardens), Deb McGinn (tourism, Jefferson Matters) and Lauren Subler, Region XII COG economic development planner, were present to share information with the supervisors about applying for Iowa Great Places Program (IGP) designation through the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. Peg Raney explained that GCDC has agreed to be the authorized applicant representing the county. If approved, the designation is for five years. During that period, one funding opportunity may be granted, typically within the \$250,000 to \$400,000 range per Raney. A designation as an IGP does not guarantee funding. The required visioning process has already been met with the local Vision 2020 work previously performed. The supervisors were asked to provide a letter/resolution of support for the application which is due May 1st and indicated they would do so.

Time and date for the county's fiscal year 2020 budget hearing was discussed. Motion by Burkett, second by Rudolph to set a public hearing for Greene County's 2019/2020 budget on March 11, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Wade Weiss discussed snow removal problems in Churdan and how his department might help in the interim.

The board looked at setting levy rates and establishing estimated ending fund balances on the county's FY2020 budget. Exceeding the \$3.50 general fund levy rate and the form/information necessary to do so was reviewed. Iowa Code 331.426(1)(f) permits an addition to the basic

levy to be certified by the board when there is "Unusual need for a new program which will provide substantial benefit to county residents, if the county establishes the need and amount of necessary increased cost." The creation of a county ambulance service has established this unusual need. Raising the general supplemental levy for increased insurance costs attributable to additional full time (ambulance/jail) positions and other health insurance increases was also discussed. Determination of proposed levy rates is to be finalized at the next meeting.

Muir adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

John J. Muir, Chair BOS

ATTEST: Jane Heun, Auditor