

Auditor's Office  
Jefferson, Iowa  
February 25, 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 Burkett to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Rudolph, second by Burkett to approve the minutes of February 21, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Dawn Rudolph gave a report of a Decat meeting she attended. Supervisor Pete Bardole reported attending a Farm Bureau meeting on behalf of the supervisors. Chair John Muir reported that interviews for ambulance director concluded last week.

Chuck Wenthold shared maps of the fifteen Workforce Development regions and another with the newly revised map reflecting a reduction to six regions. County attorney Thomas Laehn informed the board that he recommends changes to a contract for ambulance billing services with Cornerstone before being considered for approval.

Pam Olerich discussed family farm credit qualifications and shared those parcels that are currently recommended for disallowance due mostly to changes in ownership. Motion by Burkett, second by Rudolph to approve the family farm credit disallowances as recommended. Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Rudolph, second by Bardole to approve claims for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:00 a.m. Chair Muir opened a public hearing for a proposed amendment to the current county budget. Auditor Jane Heun reviewed the revenue and expenditure items specifically being considered for amendment. No oral or written comments were received. Motion by Rudolph, second by Burkett to close the hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bardole, second by Rudolph to approve Resolution 2019-08 Adopting an Amendment to the FY19 Budget:

WHEREAS a public hearing has been held for a proposed amendment to the fiscal year 2019 Greene County budget as required by Iowa Code 331.435, and  
WHEREAS no written or oral objections have been received on the proposed amendment.  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greene County Board of Supervisors adopts said budget amendment, and  
BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the funds for the amended expenditure categories shall be fully appropriated for the 2019 fiscal year.

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

At 9:15 a.m. Muir opened a public hearing for a proposed confinement feeding operation application (two barns) by Tim, Schyler, Peter, and Roy Bardole - Bardole Finisher, Section 5 Washington Township. Chuck Wenthold announced to those present that the application scored 535 points on the master matrix and that the IDNR individual who performed the site visit had not raised any concerns. Wenthold shared that he had received one phone call from Bill Heater against the location, as did Chair Muir. Muir also reported receiving calls from Neil Johnston and Bob Brown inquiring about no-till incorporation of manure and sharing concerns about the nearness to a home, respectively. Linda and Jerry Groves both expressed concerns about whether their well would be adversely affected by the amount of water being pumped for the operation. Nancy and Dale Hanaman noted they appreciated the personal visits and care taken by the Bardole family in advance of the confinement application. They noted the number of confined feeding operations in Greene County and urged the board to adopt a resolution requesting legislators to hold a moratorium on confinements and update the matrix scoring system that has been unchanged since its inception.

Schyler Bardole addressed those present with his reasons for the decision to build two barns. In explaining three family farm operations are involved, the importance of their certification as conservation farms, and need to farm in a sustainable manner, Bardole indicated the decision was made as a means for the farm operation to grow and help support his family. He will own one barn with his father Tim, while the other is to be owned by Bardole & Sons. The site has an existing grove of trees that will be supplemented with new trees, and neighbors are to be informed when manure is to be spread. Roy Bardole explained why the location chosen was deemed to be the best for the barns. Board members also contributed their thoughts about participating in the master matrix and holding public hearings for confinement applications. At 9:55 a.m., motion by Burkett, second by Rudolph to close the hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Burkett, second by Rudolph to recommend approval of the Bardole Finisher application to the IDNR based upon the master matrix scoring of 535, while also including a list of the concerns noted during the hearing process with the recommendation. Aye: Rudolph, Burkett, Muir. Absent: Contner. Abstain: Bardole. Motion carried.

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