

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
December 30, 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 Contner, second by Rudolph to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bardole, second by Burkett to approve the minutes of December 23, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Chuck Wenthold shared a map of Iowa unemployment rates by county for November. Greene County reflects a 1.6% rate. County attorney Thomas Laehn credited local law enforcement efforts made over the holidays and then provided the supervisors with his draft of a "Dangerous and Vicious Animals Ordinance." Laehn reviewed definitions of dangerous animals and vicious animals before explaining other sections of the proposed ordinance to the board. The board has scheduled the first reading to be considered during next week's Monday meeting.

Rick Hunsaker, Region XII COG executive director, reviewed FY21 funding requests with the board. Hunsaker reported COG membership fees have increased by \$.01 per capita (to \$.88 per capita) or \$8,215.68 for Greene County. Likewise Western Iowa Transit, the public transit arm of the COG has increased its per capita rate by \$.01 (to \$.52 per capita) or \$4,854.72 for the county. Capital match funds for vehicle replacement remain at \$.03/mile or an estimated \$540 for FY21. Finally, Hunsaker requested \$5,000 for the Local Housing Trust fund through COG Housing. The funding is to be used for an annual grant primarily for very low-income persons and is equal to current year funding. No action was taken by the board.

Carole Custer and Bob Schwarzkopf were present for the Bell Tower Community Foundation 2019 report and FY21 funding request. Custer shared attendance and group-hosting information and reported that more advertising is needed to promote the carillon and attract visitors and tourists. Financials were shared for multiple calendar years, and goals for 2020 were reviewed. \$8,000 is requested for FY21 funding, a \$500 increase over the past several years' funding of \$7,500. No action was taken.

Motion by Contner, second by to approve Resolution 2019-57 for fund transfers:

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors (Board) has approved transfers of funds in its FY20 budget in accordance with Sections 331.432 and 350.6 of the Iowa Code;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves transferring \$50,000 from the General Basic fund to the Conservation Reserve fund and \$8000 from the General Basic to the Bike Trail fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the transfer of \$5,000 from LOSST fund to the Bike Trail Fund.

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

Motion by Contner, second by Bardole to approve auditor signing of E911 checks. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bardole, second by Rudolph to approve Resolution 2019-58 for a road closure:

WHEREAS the bridge located on a gravel road approximately 0.47 miles West of the East corner of Section 30 Township 84 North, Range 32 West (Kendrick Twp) over a tributary to Otter Creek is to undergo repairs, and the repair work will make it necessary to close the roadway to vehicular traffic, and;

WHEREAS the Code of Iowa Chapter 306 provides that the agency having jurisdiction and control over any highway may temporarily close sections of a highway by formal resolution entered upon the minutes of such agency when reasonably necessary because of construction, reconstruction, maintenance or natural disaster and shall cause to be erected "road closed" signs and partial or total barricades in the roadway at each end of the closed highway section.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greene County roadway designated as 200th Street will be closed to all vehicular traffic beginning at the intersection with B Avenue at the Northeast corner of Section 30, T84N, R32W thence West one (1) mile to the intersection with A Avenue (County Route N-58) at the Northwest corner of Section 30, T84, R32W until repair is completed as determined by the County Engineer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that signs for the road closure be placed as directed by the engineer in accordance with Chapter 306 of the Code of Iowa and all signs remain in place throughout the construction until removed by directive of the engineer.

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

Motion by Contner, second by Burkett to approve Resolution 2019-59:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Greene County Board of Supervisors commends Mike Wyatt for dedicating nearly sixteen years to maintenance and custodial services at the courthouse. Mike's dedication and commitment to Greene County and its citizens will long be remembered.

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

Motion by Burkett, second by Contner to adopt Resolution 2019-60:

A RESOLUTION PROPOSING SALE OF PROPERTY AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, Greene County has acquired property located at 701 Grant Street, Scranton, Iowa, tax parcel no. 09-02-384-001 (the "Property"), pursuant to a public bidder tax sale, and the Board of Supervisors ("Board") desires to dispose of such property; and

WHEREAS, a proposed real estate purchase agreement providing for the sale of the Property, legally described as follows:

Lot Two (2) and the West Half (W½) of the Vacated Alley in Block Four (4) in the Sears Addition of the City of Scranton, Greene County, Iowa, to the City of Scranton is before this Board, which agreement provides for the sale of the Property to the City of Scranton in as is-where is condition for \$500.00, plus Buyer's agreement to accept the Property subject to unpaid taxes and assessments (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, before the Board may proceed with such proposal it is necessary that notice of the proposal be published and that a public hearing be held in accordance with the Iowa Code.

NOW THEREFORE It Is Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. The Board finds that it is in the best interests of Greene County that it dispose of the Property in order to relieve itself of the burden of maintaining and caring for it and to restore it to the tax rolls, and the Board therefore proposes to sell the Property to the City of Scranton pursuant to the terms of the Agreement.

Section 2. The Board of Supervisors shall meet at the Courthouse Boardroom in the Greene County Courthouse, in Jefferson, Iowa, on Monday, January 13, 2020, at 9:15 AM, at which time and place a public hearing shall be held on the proposal, at which hearing all local residents who appear shall be given an opportunity to express their views for or against the proposal.

Section 3. The County Auditor of Greene County is hereby directed to publish notice of this proposal and of the public hearing on the proposal one time, not less than four days nor more than 20 days before the date of the meeting, in *The Jefferson Herald* and *The Scranton Journal*, legal newspapers published and having a general circulation within Greene County.

Aye: Bardole, Burkett, Contner, Muir, Rudolph. Passed and approved this 30th day of December 2019.

IT Director Michelle Fields discussed a services agreement with IP Pathways and county attorney Laehn shared his opinion about the agreement. The county is to pay \$1,668.80 per month for the duration of the three-year agreement. Motion by Bardole, second by Burkett to approve Master Service Agreement with IP Pathways. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Rudolph, second by Bardole to approve the Statement of Services Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Muir adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

John J. Muir, Chair BOS

ATTEST: Jane Heun, Auditor