

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
January 20, 2020

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 January 16, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Tom Contner reported on a Greene County Recycling Agency meeting from the past week. Chuck Wenthold reported attending a Beaver Creek Watershed meeting. County attorney Thomas Laehn reported that he had made inquiries of the State Judicial department to see whether any funding might be received from the State for security enhancements to the Clerk of Court office (counter bullet resistant glass), and indicated that it was unlikely for this particular enhancement.

Motion by Rudolph, second by Bardole to approve the FY2020 County Substance Abuse Prevention semi-annual report. Motion carried unanimously.

Pete Russell and Ian Wilkinson of the Jefferson Area Chamber were present to report on the Chamber's activities and projects to benefit tourism throughout the county. The county contributed \$5,000 during the current fiscal year and Russell requested \$5,000 for FY21. No action was taken.

Engineer Wade Weiss reviewed his proposed FY21 Secondary Road budget. Weiss reviewed each expenditure category and provided information about increases/decreases to each area. Weiss included a 4% wage increase for secondary road employees. Expenditures are estimated at just under \$6M, while revenues and transfers from property taxes, local option sales tax and other sources are estimated at nearly the same total. The request includes 3% increases to transfers from both the general (\$54,636) and rural funds (\$1,207,464) and \$325,000 from LOSST funds (no change). No action was taken.

John Grush, CICS Region community service director, and Ellen Ritter, county service coordinator, shared the proposed Mental Health budget for the county. That budget reflects administrative costs paid directly from the county's mental health fund and estimate of the funds that are to be transferred to the mental health region for next year. Grush related that the county's tax asking from the mental health levy is expected to increase to \$233,506, based on funding of \$26 per capita. This year's levy totals \$199,378 based on funding of \$22.20 per capita. Grush pointed out that 80% of Ritter's salary is currently charged to the mental health budget, with the remaining 20% coming from General Assistance. For FY21 the mental health budget will include 97.5% of Ritter's salary and 100% of benefits, while General Assistance will account for 2.5% of the total salary. The change is based upon hours worked by Ritter in each office. No action was taken.

Ritter then presented the proposed General Assistance budget for FY21 and requested the supervisors discuss increasing county cremation reimbursements to funeral homes from the current \$900. That reimbursement rate has been in effect since FY13 when it was increased from \$750. Currently the G.A. budget totals \$34,502. No estimate was given for the FY21 budget pending any action to be taken on the cremation reimbursement rate. Salary share from this budget is expected to be reduced by just over \$10,000 to be absorbed by the mental health budget. No action was taken.

Michelle Fields reviewed proposed drain department and IT/data processing budgets for FY21. The drain department budget reflects no changes to expenditures other than a salary increase (3%). Total budget is \$37,890 IT/data processing budget expenditures reflects decrease of \$42,000 from the current year. Fields explained changes in info tech services (decrease) and hardware after numerous improvements and changes that have been made in the current year to in house services and backup services, software changes, etc. That budget estimate totals \$264,324 for FY21. No action was taken.

Other department budget reviewed by the board included the board of supervisors itself, with expenditures estimated at \$225,169. The estimate includes a 3% recommended increase to salaries, and a reduced estimate of legal and professional services. Total budget estimate decreased by nearly \$18,600. No action was taken.

Clerk of Court budget estimate for FY21 remains relatively unchanged, with an estimate of just under \$100,000, and the current budget at just over \$102,000. Shelter care and juvenile detention services costs have decreased over that past few years for the county. No action was taken.

Medical Examiner budget estimate for FY21 is \$25,000. The current year budget was amended recently to \$30,000 to cover medical examiner investigation schooling costs for both the sheriff and ambulance director. Those costs are not expected to occur again in FY21. No action was taken.

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

John J. Muir, Chair BOS

ATTEST: Jane Heun, Auditor