

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
February 13, 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 Bardole, second by Contner to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Burkett, second by Contner to approve the minutes of February 10, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Dawn Rudolph reported attending a CICS Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee meeting and a Grow Greene Gaming Corp meeting. She also discussed the status of a Scranton park shelter project for which the board approved a Dreyfus grant in February of 2018. County attorney Thomas Laehn reported discussion with Diane Hinderaker, Boone County Probation Services director, about amending the county's current contract for probation services. Hinderaker believes that new clients may be immediately added beyond the initial twenty clients served through the pilot project. An amendment to the contract is forthcoming.

Mark Walter, Grain Manager, and Frank Huseman, Operations Manager for NEW Cooperative, Inc based in Fort Dodge, were present to share information about narrowing down a site for building a "significant improvement" consisting of a swine feed mill and elevator. Walter described NEW Cooperative's existing agronomy site near Cooper along Highway 4. Twenty-two acres of land adjoining that site to the north have been purchased, and project research includes determining natural gas pipeline availability, construction of entrances and exits off roads, and meeting air quality requirements. Potential design plans were shared with the board with assertions that the plans were preliminary and would likely change. Plans include an elevator designed for 4.4M bushels of grain and a swine feed mill capable of producing from six to seven hundred thousand tons annually.

Walter and Huseman indicated that the purpose of meeting with the board is to begin communications with them and zoning officials about reclassifying the additional 22 acres and exploring property tax assistance for the improvements to the land. Five employees currently work at the existing site, while 16 to 17 new jobs, many related to transportation, were estimated with construction of feed mill and elevator.

Upon completion of the discussion, Muir adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

John J. Muir, Chair BOS

ATTEST: Jane Heun, Auditor