

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
August 17, 2020

Greene County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. in the courthouse boardroom with supervisors Bardole, Contner, Muir and Rudolph present. Absent: Burkett. Motion by Contner, second by Rudolph to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bardole, second by Rudolph to approve the minutes of August 10, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair John Muir reported participation in a Region XII COG executive board meeting. Muir and supervisor Pete Bardole reported participation in an EOC meeting, and Bardole, along with Chuck Wenthold reported that last week's Hot August Night on and around the courthouse grounds went well. County attorney Thomas Laehn gave an update of court-related matters and meetings to be involved in this week. Laehn noted that the county does not currently have a community service option for adult offenders and is currently planning to meet with a group to explore having that option. Laehn's goal is to have volunteers involved in a community service option. Ambulance director Michele Madsen reported some roof damage and A/C problems at the ambulance garage. Engineer Wade Weiss reported on the progress of county cleanup after last week's derecho storm and a road project near Paton.

Motion by Bardole, second by Rudolph to approve two claims for payment: \$291,494.49 to GCCSD for Career Academy; \$80 to Polk County Sheriff for service. Motion carried unanimously.

Don Orris, on behalf of the New Animal Facility Committee, updated the board with scaled back plans for a new animal shelter. Orris noted that nearly \$600,000 has been pledged or donated to date for the project that began nearly four years ago. Orris discussed changes to the facility being proposed that will reduce the cost by nearly one half of the original project. The building itself would be metal (rather than concrete) and the odor control system is to be changed to also reduce costs. Architectural fees are also being reduced.

Motion by Bardole, second by Contner to approve Resolution 2020-36: RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE USE OF FACE COVERINGS IN GREENE COUNTY TO MITIGATE THE TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19:

WHEREAS the emergence of the novel virus, SARS-CoV-2, that causes coronavirus disease, COVID-19, can result in serious illness or death and can be easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS on January 31, 2020 the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a national public health emergency related to dangers posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Iowa, Kim Reynolds, signed a proclamation of disaster emergency for the entire State of Iowa based on the increasing number of persons in the State of Iowa testing positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States signed an emergency disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act authorizing emergency response measures in all fifty states in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS the most current local data relating to COVID-19 as provided by the Iowa Department of Public Health ("IDPH") show that the state and Greene County continue to experience significant community spread of this disease; and

WHEREAS as businesses, events and other gatherings across the state have re-opened or are now allowed, thus more people are traveling and gathering throughout the state and within Greene County; and

WHEREAS the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends wearing a face covering in public where other physical distancing measures cannot be maintained to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 from asymptomatic or unknowing carriers to others; and

WHEREAS the following are defined as:

- "Face covering" means a material that securely covers a person's nose and mouth and remains affixed in place without the use of one's hands, whether purchased or homemade, and consistent with CDC guidelines
- "Household member" means a person who lives a majority of time with the person in their apartment, house, mobile home, or other structure intended for residential occupancy
- "Indoor public setting" means an enclosed area to which the public is invited

WHEREAS this resolution is not intended to be punitive or stigmatizing and is in the best interest of health, safety, and economic recovery; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Greene County Board of Supervisors that:

1. Every person in Greene County should wear a face covering when:
 - In public as opposed to being in one's place of residence, when one cannot stay six (6) feet apart from others
 - Inside of any indoor public settings, for example, but not limited to grocery stores, pharmacies, hardware stores, retail stores
 - Other public settings that are not one's place of residence and when among persons who do not live in the household
 - Outside, if keeping six (6) feet apart from others is not possible
 - Using public transportation or private car service (including taxis, ride share and carpooling)
2. Places and times when wearing a face covering is not needed:
 - While traveling in a personal vehicle alone or with household members
 - While a person is alone or is in the presence of only household members
 - While exercising at moderate or high intensity e.g. jogging or biking
 - While seated at a food establishment and in the process of eating or drinking
 - While obtaining a service that would require temporary removal of the person's face covering
 - When federal or state law prohibits wearing a face covering or requires removal of the face covering
3. If a cloth face covering is chosen, appropriate use of a cloth face covering includes:
 - A snug fit, but comfortable against the side of the face
 - Completely covers the nose and mouth

- Is secured with ties or ear loops
 - Includes multiple layers of fabric
 - Allows for breathing without restriction
 - Can be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape
4. Persons who should not wear a face covering:
- Persons younger than two years old due to the risk of suffocation
 - Anyone who has trouble breathing or in oxygen therapy or a ventilator
 - Anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a cloth face covering without assistance
 - Anyone who has been told by a medical, legal, or behavioral health professional not to wear face coverings

Roll call: Aye: Bardole, Contner, Muir, Rudolph. Resolution approved.

IT director Michelle Fields reported doing a walkaround with Jerry Brown of SCI Communications in anticipation of recabling work to be performed in the courthouse.

At 9:30 a.m. motion by Contner, second by Rudolph to adjourn to a drainage meeting whereby the drainage trustees are to consider a Letter of Support of the Iowa Nutrient Research & Education Council “North Raccoon River Wetlands Initiative” Proposal to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. The board returned to regular session at 9:35 a.m. and Muir then adjourned the meeting.

John J. Muir, Chair BOS

ATTEST: Jane Heun, Auditor