

Auditor's Office  
Jefferson, Iowa 50129  
January 25, 2024

The Greene County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. in the courthouse boardroom with the following members present: Bardole, Benitz, Burkett, Muir, Rudolph. Motion by Bardole, second by Benitz to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Burkett, second by Rudolph to approve the minutes of January 22, 2024.

Attorney Thomas Laehn reported that they have 74 pending cases. Laehn updated the board on the prosecution of the individuals involved in the theft of an ATM at the Wild Rose Casino in January 2022. Laehn commended law enforcement for their investigation and reported that all three individuals have been sentenced to prison for ten-year terms.

Conservation Director Tanner Scheuermann updated the board on maintenance work being done at all parks. He also fielded questions from the board on signage for the parks that are on back order. Engineer Wade Weiss and Scheuermann then discussed grant money that was available for repairs and updating of the bike trail.

Weiss then reported to the board on snow removal and continued maintenance on roads. He also discussed continued maintenance and repairs to equipment.

Motion by Benitz, seconded by Bardole to approve the Wage Publication Report for CY2023. Motion carried unanimously.

#### RESOLUTION 2024-005

Motion by Rudolph, seconded by Burkett to approve Resolution 2024-005 Transfer of Funds

WHEREAS the Greene County Board of Supervisors (Board) has budgeted for transfers of funds in fiscal year 2024 in accordance with Sections 331.432 and 350.6 of Iowa Code:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the transferring of \$75,000 from the General Basic fund to the Conservation Reserve fund and \$8,000 from the General Basic fund to the Bike Trail Fund; and

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

Aye: Bardole, Benitz, Burkett, Muir, Rudolph. Resolution passed unanimously.

Motion by Bardole, seconded by Benitz to approve Resolution 2024-006 to increase the annual wage rate of the Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk in the Greene County Auditor's Office.

#### RESOLUTION 2024-006

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL WAGE RATE OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/PAYROLL CLERK IN THE GREENE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2024

WHEREAS Tori Gettler was hired as the Accounts Payable Clerk in the Greene County Auditor's Office on July 1, 2022;

WHEREAS the Accounts Payable Clerk assumed additional responsibilities following Greene County Auditor Jane Heun's retirement on July 14, 2023, including overseeing employee payroll and assisting with elections, without receiving a commensurate increase in pay;

WHEREAS the position of Accounts Payable Clerk now has the title of Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk; and

WHEREAS Greene County Auditor Billie Jo Hoskins has recommended that the Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk receive an increase in her annual wage rate effective February 1, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR GREENE COUNTY, IOWA:

Section 1: That the Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk in the Greene County Auditor's Office receive the following annual wage rate effective February 1, 2024: \$55,000.00.

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

#### RESOLUTION 2024-007

Motion by Bardole, second by Benitz to approve Resolution 2024-007 establishing a Greene County Opioid Settlement Funds Allocation Committee.

#### A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A GREENE COUNTY OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2021, the Greene County Board of Supervisors settled and released Greene County's claims against certain manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of opioid pharmaceuticals (the "Settling Defendants") for their role in the creation of our nation's present opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, in consideration of Greene County's release of said claims, the Settling Defendants agreed to provide funding for opioid abatement measures in Greene County (the "Opioid Settlement Funds");

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Settling Defendants will ultimately pay Greene County \$275,823.39 in Opioid Settlement Funds;

WHEREAS, as a condition of its receipt of the Opioid Settlement Funds, Greene County executed the Iowa Opioid Allocation Memorandum of Understanding, which restricts the purposes for which the Opioid Settlement Funds may be used;

WHEREAS, Greene County has created an LG Abatement Fund for the receipt and expenditure of the Opioid Settlement Funds; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of an Opioid Settlement Funds Allocation Committee charged with creating a grant application process and distributing grants from the LG Abatement Fund would promote the efficacious use of the Opioid Settlement Funds for the remediation of the opioid crisis in Greene County in a manner consistent with the Iowa Opioid Allocation Memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code sections 331.301(1) and 331.301(2) authorize the Greene County Board of Supervisors "to exercise any power and perform any function it deems appropriate ... to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its residents";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR GREENE COUNTY, IOWA:

Section 1. That an Opioid Settlement Funds Allocation Committee (the "Committee") is hereby established for the purpose of distributing grants from Greene County's LG Abatement Fund in a manner consistent with the terms of the Iowa Opioid Allocation Memorandum of Understanding approved by the Greene County Board of Supervisors on December 27, 2021.

Section 2. That the Committee shall be comprised of the Greene County Treasurer, the Greene County Director of Public Health, the Greene County Attorney, and one member of the Greene County Board of Supervisors.

Section 3. That the Committee shall develop a grant application process no later than March 1, 2024, by which public and private agencies may apply for funding from Greene County's LG Abatement Fund for programs or projects that would implement one or more of the approved abatement strategies listed in Exhibit 1 of the Iowa Opioid Allocation Memorandum of Understanding.

Section 4. That the Committee shall solicit and receive grant applications and, on the basis of those applications, distribute Greene County's Opioid Settlement Funds as the Committee determines will most effectively remediate the opioid crisis in Greene County.

Section 5. That the Committee shall be dissolved at such time as all Greene County Opioid Settlement Funds have been distributed and all reports required by grant recipients are received and approved by the Committee.

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

Conservation Director Tanner Scheuermann presented his FY25 budget request. Scheuermann shared a written narrative with the supervisors regarding various conservation related funds for both revenue and expenditures. Expenditure line items that would be increasing/decreasing were highlighted. He would like to increase his seasonal hourly rates from \$14.00 per hour to \$15.00 per hour, hoping this would be a better incentive for more quality applicants in the future. Recreation supplies and utilities would also be increasing to better reflect increased costs. He will be decreasing his construction & maintenance equipment to \$35,000. This will reflect equipment that will be purchased out of the FY24 budget. He is also asking to hire a full-time Naturalist. During last year's budget proposals, the Conservation Board asked to hire an Environmental Educator, or Naturalist. The Board of Supervisors asked Scheuermann to wait until FY25 because of other departments asking for additional staff and increases. They are asking the board to take this into consideration for FY25. He also proposed to increase the Bike-Trail – Permanent Landscaping/Area Development to \$35,000 to complete some preliminary repairs before major construction and for engineering costs for the project. He is also requesting \$130,000 from our FY24 generated revenue for the rehabilitation of the Raccoon River Valley Trail from Jefferson to Yale. Under REAP-Permanent Landscaping/Area Development the Conservation Board plans on replacing and planting more trees in our park areas this next FY and will utilize these funds as matching funds for any grants that become available. They will be applying for another IDNR Community Forestry grant this spring which requires a 50/50 match. They will also be utilizing these funds to purchase educational materials for our Environmental Educator. REAP could also be utilized to pay wages to conservation staff for educational

purposes and could be used to supplement the salary of the Environmental Educator they are proposing hiring. The Conservation Board is asking to increase the budget line item to \$35,000. No action was taken.

Mike Bierl, Vet Affairs and General Assistance officer, presented both the budgets for FY25. Vet Affairs budget is estimated to be \$61,112, which is an increase over last year's budget of \$59,696. The General Assistance budget is estimated at \$21,800, the same as the current year budget. No action was taken.

The board then reviewed the Clerk of Court's budget. All line items will remain the same for FY25 except for an increase in juvenile detention & shelter care. This line item will increase to \$40,000. No action was taken.

The board reviewed the remaining portion of the Public Health Department's budget for FY25. There will be a decrease in the board of health pass through line from \$175,00 to \$100,000 due to many of the COVID contracts expiring December 31, 2023. All remaining line items will stay the same. No action was taken.

The board then had a short discussion on asking GCDC for an updated list of programs and other data to show how the county's contributions are being spent.

Muir adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

ATTEST: John J. Muir, Chair

Billie Jo Hoskins, Auditor