

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
February 26, 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 Rudolph, second by Burkett to approve the minutes of February 22, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisors reported on meetings attended. All supervisors attended the Assessor's Conference Board meeting. Supervisor Benitz had a Jail Design meeting and Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center. Supervisor Bardole had GCDC Full Board and Voting Board. Supervisor Rudolph and Supervisor Muir attended a Zoning meeting.

During open forum Chris Henning asked that all meetings that are open to the public be posted on Greene County's website, with Zoom access.

Engineer Wade Weiss updated the board on pending legislation that would affect any improvements that would be made on HWY30. Weiss and Mike Bierl, Vet Affairs Coordinator, then discussed signage for the memorial highway in honor of Lance Corporal Benjamin Carman on IA4 from US 30 to IA141 and the memorial bridge in honor of Captain Matthew Nielson over the North Raccoon River on US30 west of Jefferson. Funding of the signage was discussed. The board agreed to investigate who the responsible party should be to pay for the signage.

Diane Hinderaker with Boone/Greene County Probation and county attorney Thomas Laehn then discussed the 2024 Addendum to the current contract between the Greene County Board of Supervisors and Boone/Greene County Probation. The new contract will be for 5 quarters, expiring on June 30, 2025. Each quarterly payment will be \$10,583.09. Motion by Bardole, second by Benitz to approve the 2024 Addendum to the current contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Benitz, second by Burkett to approve the Special Class C Retail Native Wine License for Deals Orchard from December 5, 2023, to December 4, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Laehn then discussed changes to the solar ordinance that will be placed on a later meeting for approval.

Overnight travel was informally approved for Recorder Deb McDonald to attend ISAC meetings.

Motion by Rudolph, seconded by Bardole to approve claims payable and auditor signing of E911 checks. Motion carried unanimously.

The board then discussed the use of zoom as part of their meetings. Consensus was to continue using zoom, but not monitor it for comments or questions. Attorney Laehn advised the board to continue as is until a policy can be drafted and approved.

At 10:10 a.m. motion by Bardole, second by Burkett to go into closed session to perform an employee evaluation on Wade Weiss, County Engineer. Roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Benitz, Bardole, Muir, Rudolph, Burkett. Motion carried unanimously.

At 10:40 a.m. motion by Benitz, second by Burkett to go back into regular session.

Aye: Benitz, Bardole, Muir, Rudolph, Burkett. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisors continued with their review of departmental budgets for FY25. Auditor Billie Jo Hoskins reviewed proposed levy rates and dollars to be raised. The board then looked at ending fund balances for the General Basic, General Supplemental and Rural Basic Funds. With all departmental requests that affect the General Basic fund the estimated fund balance as of June 30, 2025, would be \$948,839. The board likes to keep approximately \$1,000,000 for carryover. A decision was made to reduce Conservation's request of transfer funds from general basic to conservation reserve from \$130,000 to \$100,000. Sheriff's office has requested two new jailer positions and one dispatcher position in anticipation of the new jail. The board reduced the jailer positions down to one which is a reduction of \$51,000. The board then looked at non-departmental requests. A decision was made to reduce GCDC by \$5,000 to \$45,000. The Children's Center reduced by \$1,500 to \$6,000. Jefferson Congregate Meals reduced by \$1,000 to \$14,000. Bell Tower Festival reduced by \$500 to \$2,500. Jefferson Matters reduced by \$1,000 to \$6,000. General Supplemental fund balance would be \$448,393 and Rural Basic would be \$370,209. The board was comfortable with these balances.

Muir adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

ATTEST: John J. Muir, Chair

Billie Jo Hoskins, Auditor