

Auditor's Office  
Jefferson, Iowa  
March 2, 2026

The Greene County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. in the boardroom of the Greene County Courthouse. The following members were present: Bardole, Benitz, Gannon, Rudolph. Absent: Muir. Motion by Gannon, second by Bardole to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Benitz, second by Gannon to approve the minutes of February 23, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Jack Williams asked the board for clarification on vacation time earned for new employees. In the Employee Handbook it states that new employees receive six days of vacation upon their first day of employment, but it does not take into account if an employee works longer than 8 hours in a day. Most Sheriff's department employees work a 12-hour shift and Ambulance employees work 24-hour shifts. The board agreed that both the Sheriff's department and Ambulance department would receive 72 hours of vacation upon hire for the first year. After the first year all employees would accrue the same amount of vacation as stated in the Employee Handbook. The board also discussed reimbursement for employees that have served in the military that are covered under Tri-Care. They are not eligible to take the county's higher deductible plan, which offers an H S A. It has been discussed in the past to possibly be able to give them some sort of stipend. The board agreed to investigate this again.

County Attorney Thomas Laehn reported that he has reviewed the 28E Agreement for Sharing Operating Costs of Animal Shelter. Laehn first pointed out that the agreement is in place until June 30, 2027. The board can terminate the agreement effective June 30, 2027, but notice must be given by January 1, 2027. Also, he clarified that as part of the agreement the facility must accept all animals delivered to the facility by Greene County Sheriff's Office. The board agreed that they would review this agreement prior to January 1, 2027. Laehn also reminded the board that there would be a jury trial this week and asked that noise from HVAC construction be kept at a minimum.

During open forum Ambulance Director Michele Madsen reviewed her department's hospital transfers for the Greene County Hospital. Greene County Medical Center reported 35 transfers for the month of January. Of the thirty-five, eight were medically necessary to go by other means (flight, secure car or by Blank Hospital Pediatric team). Of the remaining twenty-seven transfers, twenty-three were taken by Greene County Ambulance. Four were taken by City Ambulance out of Des Moines. Two were due to a lack of a second crew for Greene County Ambulance. Two were declined by Greene County, because crews were already on transfers for GCMC and patient conditions necessitated immediate transfer. Beginning February 1, 2026, per a 28E Agreement between Greene County Ambulance and Greene County Medical Center the county will be reimbursed \$600.00 per transfer done from Greene County Medical Center.

Supervisors reported on meetings attended. Supervisor Benitz attended a New Opportunities meeting, and a Central Iowa Juvenile Detention meeting. Supervisor Gannon attended a Region V Hazmat meeting. Supervisor Bardole attended a Bell Tower Foundation meeting. Supervisor Rudolph and Supervisor Bardole

attended a meeting with Greene County Hospital to discuss the ambulance contract for transfers. All Supervisors except for Bardole attended the Assessor's Conference Board meeting.

County Engineer Wade Weiss discussed improvements to the Rippey Shop. He also updated the board on road improvement projects that will be added to the county's five-year construction program.

Informal overnight stays were approved for Wade Weiss and Tanner Stauffer to attend the Greater Iowa Asphalt Conference. Also, for Chris Frehse to attend K-9 Recertification.

The board then discussed the placement of the memorial honoring the Schoolboy Soldiers of Rippey, Iowa. The board agreed that they wanted it to be placed in the southeast corner of the courthouse square next to the Lindsay Memorial. The board was also in agreement that they did not wish for a bench to be placed alongside the memorial.

Motion by Bardole, second by Benitz to approve Resolution 2026-023 Approving the Placement of a Memorial Honoring the Schoolboy Soldiers of Rippey, Iowa, on the Courthouse Grounds.

#### **RESOLUTION 2026-023**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLACEMENT OF A MEMORIAL HONORING THE SCHOOLBOY SOLDIERS OF RIPPEY, IOWA, ON THE COURTHOUSE GROUNDS

WHEREAS, Greene County's Public Art Policy contains procedures for the approval of works of art for placement on the Courthouse grounds;

WHEREAS, the Public Art Policy provides that a work of art cannot be placed on the Courthouse grounds unless it is first solicited through a resolution of the Greene County Board of Supervisors (the "Board") and then approved by the Board by a separate resolution expressly affirming that the work of art conveys the Board's intended message;

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2026, the Board passed Resolution 2026-016 soliciting a proposal for a memorial that would convey the message that Greene County gratefully remembers and honors the schoolboy soldiers of Rippey, Iowa, and their teachers, whose patriotism, valor, and service have inspired and will continue to inspire generations of Greene Countians; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2026, the Schoolboy Soldiers of Rippey Memorial Committee presented the Board with a preliminary drawing of a memorial honoring the schoolboy soldiers of Rippey, Iowa;

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

Section 1: That the memorial proposed by the Schoolboy Soldiers of Rippey Memorial Committee (the "proposed memorial"), as modified by the Greene County Board of Supervisors, conveys the message that Greene County gratefully remembers and honors the schoolboy soldiers of Rippey, Iowa, and their teachers, whose patriotism, valor, and service have inspired and will continue to inspire generations of Greene Countians.

Section 2: That the Greene County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the people of Greene County, wishes to convey such a message to all who visit the Courthouse grounds; and

Section 3: That the Greene County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the placement of the proposed memorial on the southeast corner of the Courthouse grounds, at a location determined by the Greene County Auditor, on the condition that a final rendering of the proposed memorial be reviewed and approved by the Board prior to the proposed memorial's installation.

Roll Call Vote was taken. Aye: Bardole, Benitz, Gannon, Rudolph. Resolution unanimously approved.

Motion by Bardole, second by Gannon to approve additional Homestead & Military Credit Disallowances. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of change in HR Representation with Brent Hinders moving from Hopkins & Huebner, P.C. to Hinders, Updegraff, and Franklin, P.L.C was tabled until Mr. Hinders can come and visit with the board.

Motion by Benitz, second by Bardole to approve Resolution 2026-024 Approving the hiring of Jason Spencer as a part-time EMT for the Greene County Ambulance Department.

**RESOLUTION 2026-024**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Greene County Board of Supervisors approves the hiring of Jason Spencer as a part-time EMT for Greene County Ambulance Department. Spencer will be paid \$23.00 per hour. Effective date of employment will be February 20, 2026.

Roll Call Vote was taken. Aye: Bardole, Benitz, Gannon, Rudolph. Resolution unanimously approved.

County Auditor Billie Jo Hoskins then reviewed the budget amendment for FY26. Hoskins reviewed the increase in revenues due to bridge construction, proceeds from bond proceeds and Courthouse HVAC Project. Expenses included adding a bridge replacement in Secondary Roads Department. Phase #2 expenditures for UR roads project. Additional costs in housing and medical expenses for prisoners. Medical examiner expenses. Adjustments to individual line items for wages in the ambulance department and line items for fuel, utilities and motor vehicle repairs. Other expenditures included remaining portion of the Courthouse HVAC Project that was not covered by the ARPA funds that were received by the county.

Motion by Bardole, second by Gannon to set the Public Hearing for the Budget Amendment for March 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The board will have another work session on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> to review all departmental budget that comes out of the General Basic fund.

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

ATTEST: Dawn Rudolph, Chair  
Billie Jo Hoskins, Auditor

