

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
March 9, 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, Muir, Rudolph. Motion by Benitz, second by Muir to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bardole, second by Gannon to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney Thomas Laehn reported on the Virtual Opioid Peer meeting he attended last week. A new settlement has been reached with another pharmaceutical company. This settlement will be paid out over a 15-year period. Statewide only 11% of the funds received by counties have been paid out. Laehn feels that Greene County has done a great job in awarding grants that fall within the scope of the permissible uses for which the funds were intended. He also reported that the State of Iowa Attorney General's Office has received over \$20 million in funds and that they have set up a grant program and encourages any entities that would be eligible to apply for those grants also. He reminded the board that grant applications for FY27 are due to the Greene County Treasurer by March 16th.

County Engineer Wade Weiss reported that blading of gravel roads and moving of gravel is happening throughout the county. He also discussed projects that will be happening within the county this spring and summer.

Supervisors reported on meetings attended. Supervisor Rudolph attended an EMA meeting. Supervisor Benitz attended a Jail Construction meeting. Supervisor Bardole attended a Courthouse HVAC meeting.

City Administrator Scott Peterson updated the board on several city projects. McDonald's will begin construction in April where Hasting Funeral Home currently sits. KCG Properties have submitted their building permits for apartments south of Ace Hardware. The Sewer Treatment Plant is complete, restrooms at Daubendiek Park will be ready for use this spring and the Airport Fuel Project will be completed in June of 2026. Dave Morain, City Attorney for Jefferson, is working on a draft 28E Agreement for recycling between the City of Jefferson and Greene County.

Terry Dvorak with Red Lion Renewables presented his proposal for solar panels at various locations. Panels could potentially be placed at the Law Enforcement Center & Jail, Spring Lake State Park and Jefferson Secondary Roads Shop. Dvorak reviewed placement and size of arrays at each site. He then reviewed the cost savings per site over the lifespan of the project. Based on his assessment, the county could potentially save around \$19,000 a year in energy costs and \$2,000,000 over the next 30 years with \$0 upfront costs. Dvorak asked the board to make a decision by the end of March for his company to continue planning in order to receive certain tax credits on the project. The board agreed with this.

Brent Hinders with Hinders, Updegraff, and Franklin P.L.C. explained the change in representation letter that the board received from Hopkins & Huebner, P.C. concerning changes in our HR representation. Hopkins & Heubner, P.C. will no longer be servicing counties for their HR needs. Hinders, Updegraff, and Franklin P.L.C. will be specializing in servicing counties and municipalities with HR and other needs. Greene County will see no change in services or billing amounts through the new law office. The board will formally approve the Change in Representation at their meeting on March 16, 2026.

Jessica Savits, Court Reporter, District Court gave presentation on Leslyee's Library (Children's Library) in the Clerk of Court's office. The library is funded through a non-profit organization that supplies books to children while their parents are dealing with matters in the clerk's office. The child/families can choose to take them home or just read while in the office. Savits has received permission through court administration to place this in the office but wanted to give a presentation to the Board of Supervisors. The board thanked Savits for giving the presentation and gave her their full support for the project.

Motion by Bardole, second by Gannon to approve the Wage Publication Report for calendar year 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Benitz, second by Muir to approve the 2026/2027 GCP General Services Agreement for Boone/Greene County Probation for FY27. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Muir, second by Benitz to approve the services agreement between Reliance Telephone of Grand Forks Incorporated and Greene County Jail for outbound/inbound inmate voice calling and scheduled and on-demand video communications. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2026-025

APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE 1503 E911 COMMUNICATION TOWER TO 2003 2023A GO CAPITAL LOAN-COMMUNICATION TOWER DUE TO PROJECT BEING COMPLETED.

WHEREAS, the transfer of funds is required if bond proceeds are unspent after the Capital Project has been completed.

WHEREAS, the E911 Communication Tower was completed in FY25 and \$19,549.09 remains in Fund 1503.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors approves the transfer of \$19,549.09 from Fund 1503 to Fund 2003 for payment of future debt.

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

RESOLUTION 2026-026

APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM FUND 2002 DEBT SVC MIDLAND BUILDING TO 0001 GENERAL BASIC FUND DUE TO PROJECT BEING COMPLETED.

WHEREAS, the transfer of funds is required if funds collected through property tax collection remain after the Capital Project is completed.

WHEREAS, the purchase of the Midland Building for the Law Enforcement Administration Building was completed in July of 2025 and \$18,758,67 in excess funds collected remains in Fund 2002.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors approves the transfer of \$18,758.67 from Fund 2002 to Fund 2001.

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

The board then reviewed a report from PAWS on their 2025 Statistics and Proposed Budget for FY27 as required from the 28E Agreement between the Board of Supervisors and City of Jefferson.

The remainder of the meeting was discussing FY27 Budget figures, Courthouse HVAC Project and Greene County Jail Project.

Motion by Bardole, second by Rudolph to approve Auditor's signing of the E911 bills for February. Motion carried unanimously.

Rudolph adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

ATTEST: Dawn Rudolph, Chair

Billie Jo Hoskins, Auditor