

Auditor's Office  
Jefferson, Iowa  
April 27, 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 minutes from April 20, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney Thomas Laehn reviewed with the board his office's policy on extraditions from other states. He stated that it is generally his policy to extradite those for whom there are active arrest warrants, but he makes decisions on extradition in consultation with the county sheriff on a case-by-case basis depending on the age of the case, the nature of the offense, and the severity of the crime. He indicated that he is sensitive to the cost to taxpayers, but if he does not extradite people, it sends the message that people can commit crimes in Greene County with impunity so long as they leave and don't come back. He also discussed the "Warrant Resolution Clinics" that have recently been held in Polk County. He wanted the board and the public to know that Greene County does not hold these types of clinics. He did add that in the past he has requested that a warrant be withdrawn in individual cases based on further information that has been obtained, but not through a clinic such as the one held in Polk County. Nevertheless, he expressed his opposition to legislation being proposed in Des Moines interfering with the discretion of county attorneys to hold the types of clinics being held in Polk County. He also reported that during the murder trial that was held in April the jury found the defendant guilty of 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder. A 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder verdict in Iowa requires a mandatory life sentence. Sentencing will be held in approximately six weeks. Laehn wanted to commend the Greene County Sheriff's office and the employees in his office for all their work on this case. The next jury trial will be May 12, 2026.

County Engineer Wade Weiss informed the board that he had discussion with Luke Winkelman from the Bell Tower Festival Committee on installing 50 amp electrical outlets to better accommodate vendors during the Bell Tower Festival. The board asked Weiss to contact BBS Engineering/Architects to make sure the current design will accommodate the increase in wattage and then seek bids for installation. Weiss agreed to report back to the board with his findings. Weiss then discussed with the board a conversation he had with Chuck Offenburger concerning placing way signs down by the Rippey Cemetery for the Schoolboy Soldiers of Rippey Memorial. He also discussed doing some dirt work at the Rippey Cemetery where they are having soil erosion issues.

Motion by Muir, second by Gannon to approve Resolution 2026-044 Establishing Greene County Precinct Election Official & Support Staff Compensation.

**RESOLUTION 2026-044**

**ESTABLISHING GREENE COUNTY PRECINCT ELECTION OFFICIAL & SUPPORT STAFF COMPENSATION**

**WHEREAS** the Greene County Board of Supervisors does acknowledge the importance of Precinct Election Officials and Support Staff in the Election process.

**WHEREAS** the Greene County Board of Supervisors approve the following daily and hourly rates of pay for Precinct Election Officials and Support Staff effective July 1, 2026.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Recommended Compensation</u>
Precinct Election Official	\$200.00 per day (Election Day)
Precinct Election Official	\$13.00 / hour
Training Pay	\$25.00 / training

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Greene County Board of Supervisors adopts the wage recommendations for the previously listed Precinct Election Officials, which will remain in effect until a new compensation policy is passed.

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

Motion by Bardole, second by Benitz to approve Resolution 2026-045 Setting Elected Officials Annual Compensation for FY27.

**RESOLUTION 2026-045**

SETTING ELECTED OFFICIALS ANNUAL COMPENSATION FY27

**WHEREAS** the Greene County Board of Supervisors voted to dissolve the Greene County Compensation Board, in accordance with Iowa Code 331.905(7), and

**WHEREAS** the Greene County Board of Supervisors carried out the duties set forth in Iowa Code 331.907 in setting the annual compensation of the auditor, treasurer, recorder, sheriff, county attorney and supervisors, reviewing;

The compensation paid to comparable officers in other counties of this state, other states, private enterprises, and the federal government. In setting the salary of the county sheriff, the county compensation board shall set the sheriff's salary so that it is comparable to salaries paid to professional law enforcement administrators and command officers of the state patrol, the division of criminal investigation of the department of public safety, the city police chiefs employed by cities of similar population of the county.

Salaries paid to comparable law enforcement administrators and command officers;

Captain with ISP	\$139,037.20
Trooper 3 – No Supervisory Role	\$142,100.00
Chief State Patrol	\$168,900.00
Pella Police Chief	\$135,936.00
Sergeant Bluff Police Chief	\$138,661.00
Lake Mills Police Chief	\$129,700.00
Clear Lake Police Chief	\$125,836.80

The average of these salaries is \$140,024.29

To be in the same percentage as the rest of the elected officials in Greene County, the Sheriff's salary would need to be approximately \$128,000.00

Taking this into consideration, Sheriff Jack Williams understands that Iowa Law has required a significant increase in sheriff salaries across the state, including his own. He also understands budgets and has agreed to the Board’s recommendation of a 7% increase, which would put him at the bottom end of the pay range required under Iowa Code section 331.901(1).

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Greene County Board of Supervisors approves the following salaries for the election officials for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Approved Salary</u>	<u>Approved Increase</u>
Attorney	\$146,055.60	3.25%
Auditor	\$86,780.30	3.25%
Recorder	\$82,525.58	3.25%
Treasurer	\$83,886.34	3.25%
Sheriff	\$127,195.20	7%
Supervisors	\$38,604.76	3.25%

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

At 9:00 a.m. Motion by Gannon, second by Muir to open the Public Hearing for the Proposed FY27 County Budget.

Auditor Billie Jo Hoskins compared levy rates from FY26 to FY27 and reviewed each service area and highlighted increases or decreases in each of the service areas. She then reviewed the ending fund balances in each fund.

	<u>FY26 Levy</u>	<u>FY27 Levy</u>
General Basic	3.49	3.42
General Supplemental	2.39	2.39
Deb Service	1.07	1.01
Rural Basic	2.99	2.96
Total Countywide Levy	9.94	9.79

Hearing no objections, Chair Rudolph asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

At 9:21 a.m. motion by Bardole, second by Benitz to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Gannon, second by Muir to approve Resolution 2026-046 Adopting the Budget and Certification of Taxes for FY27.

**RESOLUTION 2026-046**

**WHEREAS** on April 7, 2026, a public hearing was held on the FY27 Proposed Property Tax Levy for FY27 County Budget.

**WHEREAS** after the public hearing was held, a public hearing was set for the Proposed FY27 County Budget; and

**WHEREAS** no oral or written objections were presented related to the proposed FY27 County Budget.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Greene County Board of Supervisors adopts said Budget & Certification of Taxes for FY27 as proposed and directs the Auditor to properly certify and file the Budget and Certification of Taxes as adopted.

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

Motion by Muir, second by Bardole to approve Resolution 2026-047 Approving the part-time hire of James E. Heiliger as a part-time Assistant County Attorney for Greene County Attorney's Office.

**RESOLUTION 2026-047**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Greene County Board of Supervisors approves the hiring of James E. Heiliger as a part-time Assistant County Attorney for the Greene County Attorney's Office with an annual salary of \$35,000 effective May 1, 2026

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

Motion by Muir, second by Gannon to approve the Employment Contract between Assistant County Attorney James E. Heiliger and Greene County. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Gannon, second by Muir to approve Resolution 2026-048 Proposing the granting of easements of property to Red Lion Solar and setting Public Hearing for May 11, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

**RESOLUTION 2026-048**

**A RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE GRANTING OF EASEMENTS AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING**

**WHEREAS**, Greene County owns property located at 1005 East Lincolnway, Jefferson, Iowa 50129, 701 West Wall Street, Jefferson, Iowa 50129, and 1847 195<sup>th</sup> Street, Dana, Iowa 50064 (collectively, the "Properties");

**WHEREAS** the property at 1005 East Lincolnway, Jefferson, Iowa 50129 is legally described as 08/83/30 PCL B W ½ NE ¼ SE ¼;

**WHEREAS** the property at 701 West Wall Street, Jefferson, Iowa 50129 is legally described as 08/83/30 PCL B W ½ NE ¼ SE ¼;

**WHEREAS** the property at 701 West Wall Street, Jefferson, Iowa 50129 is legally described as 24/84/30 NE ¼ SW ¼, 24/84/30 SE ¼ SW ¼, 24/84/30 SW ¼ SE ¼;

**WHEREAS**, Greene County has previously entered into a Solar Power and Services Agreement with Red Lion Greene County Solar, LLC ("Red Lion");

**WHEREAS**, a proposed Solar Power Generation Easement Agreement between Greene County and Red Lion (the "Agreement") is before the Greene County Board of Supervisors (the "Board"), which Agreement provides for the granting of easements upon the Properties to allow Red Lion to use and to develop the Properties to generate solar electricity and to deliver solar services to Greene County pursuant to the Solar Power and Services Agreement;

**WHEREAS**, before the Board may proceed with such proposal it is necessary that notice of the proposal be published and that a public hearing be held in accordance with the Iowa Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that the proposed Agreement will reduce the County's

electricity costs and is in the best interest of the taxpayers of Greene County, Iowa;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. The Board finds that it is in the best interests of Greene County that it grants easements upon the Properties to Red Lion and to reduce the County's electricity costs, and the Board therefore proposes to grant said easements pursuant to the terms of the Agreement.

Section 2. The Board of Supervisors shall meet at the Courthouse Boardroom in the Greene County Courthouse in Jefferson, Iowa, on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at which time and place a public hearing shall be held on the proposal, at which hearing anyone who appears shall be given an opportunity to express their views for or against the proposal.

Section 3. The County Auditor of Greene County is hereby directed to publish notice of this proposal and of the public hearing on the proposal on time, not less than four days nor more than 20 days before the date of the meeting, in The Jefferson Herald and The Scranton Journal, legal newspapers published and having a general circulation within Greene County.

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

John Torbert, Executive Director of the Iowa Drainage District Association, gave his annual update to the Board. Torbert reminded the board of the Annual Drainage Clerk meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and the Annual Drainage District Association meeting on December 4, 2026.

Mary Weaver with the Schoolboy Soldiers of Rippey Memorial Committee discussed with the board adding a plaque on the monument recognizing teacher Dena Boyd and the Greene County High School history class. The board expressed that they were not opposed to this but did not want the plaque to take away from the memorial itself. The board asked that Weaver have the committee put together several options of the wording and present it to the board at their next meeting. This would then be added to the final design and presented to the board for their final approval.

At 9:47 a.m. Motion by Gannon, second by Benitz to adjourn to a Drainage meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:55 a.m. Motion by Bardole, second by Benitz to return to their regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bardole, second by Benitz to approve the claims payable for April 27, 2026, and the Auditor's signing of E911 checks. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisors reported on meetings attended. Supervisors Benitz attended a Jail Construction meeting, ISAC's 99 County Tour meeting and a Central Iowa Juvenile Detention meeting. Supervisor Bardole attended the Jefferson Matters Awards Day. Supervisor Muir and Supervisor Gannon attended ISAC's 99 County Tour meeting. Supervisor Rudolph attended a CICS meeting and will be attending a Countywide Mayor meeting this evening.

Rudolph adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

ATTEST: Dawn Rudolph, Chair  
Billie Jo Hoskins, Auditor