

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
May 18, 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. Absent: Rudolph. Motion by Benitz, second by Gannon to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Muir, second by Gannon to approve the minutes of May 11, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney Thomas Laehn reported on several significant cases that have occurred in Greene County. Christene Thompson was found guilty of 1st degree murder. Her sentencing will be June 5th. Laehn wanted to once again commend Laura Snider and Jeri Angell in his office for their excellent work on this case. His office prosecuted this case without any assistance from the Attorney General's office, which is almost unheard of in a county of our size. He also wanted to commend the Greene County Sheriff's Office and the City of Jefferson Police Department for their work on this case. Laehn also reported that Nolan Wilson agreed to plead guilty to Child Endangerment Resulting in Death, a Class B Felony, and Domestic Abuse Assault Causing Bodily Injury, a Serious Misdemeanor, last week. Mr. Wilson will be sentenced on June 30th and is facing a fifty-year prison sentence. His office also has a third murder case pending. Sebastian Ramirez is in custody, but no trial date is set. There will be a Trial Scheduling Conference on May 28th to set his trial date. Laehn emphasized that a criminal charge is only an allegation of wrongdoing and everyone is innocent unless proven guilty. Laehn also reported that James Exline's application for postconviction relief was denied and he remains in prison on a 75-year sentence following his convictions for Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree and Sexual Abuse in the Third Degree. Laehn's office currently has 65 indictable cases pending. Part-time Assistant County Attorney James Heiliger began employment on May 1st. Heiliger's main duty is to handle Magistrate Court. With his hiring and with Assistant County Attorney Laura Snider Laehn is confident that his office will be in good hands when he leaves office at the end of the year.

Environmental Health Coordinator Chuck Wenthold reported that there will be a crane here tomorrow to set the chillers on the roof for the Courthouse HVAC Project. The parking on the westside of the Courthouse will be blocked off for a portion of the day.

Supervisors reported on meetings attended. Supervisor Bardole attended a Courthouse HVAC Project meeting. Supervisor Benitz attended a Jail Construction meeting.

County Engineer Wade Weiss updated the board on the E26/P46 Pavement Project. Calcium Chloride applications have been completed throughout the county.

Motion by Muir, second by Gannon to approve Resolution 2026-052 Approving the hiring of Sandy Groves as a full-time Dispatcher for the Greene County Sheriff's Department.

RESOLUTION 2026-052

BE IT RESOLVED that the Greene County Board of Supervisors approves the hiring of Sandra Groves as a full-time dispatcher for the Greene County Sheriff's Department and will be paid a yearly salary of \$45,000. Effective date of employment is May 25, 2026.

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

Motion by Benitz, second by Gannon to approve Resolution 2026-053 Approving the hiring of Michael Glover as a part-time EMT for the Greene County Ambulance Department.

RESOLUTION 2026-053

BE IT RESOLVED that the Greene County Board of Supervisors approves the hiring of Michael Glover as a part-time EMT and will be paid an hourly rate of \$22.50. Effective date of employment is May 8, 2026.

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

Bardole adjourned the meeting at 8: 57 a.m.

ATTEST: Pete Bardole, Pro-tem Chair

Billie Jo Hoskins, Auditor