

Auditor's Office  
Jefferson, Iowa  
June 15, 2026

The Greene County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. in the courthouse boardroom with the following members present: Bardole, Benitz, Gannon, Muir, Rudolph. Motion by Muir, second by Rudolph to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bardole, second by Muir to approve the minutes of June 8, 2026. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Benitz, second by Gannon to approve the minutes from June 9, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney Thomas Laehn reported that his office has 68 pending cases. Laehn also discussed new legislation that would affect how all county boards, commissions and committees post public notice of meetings. Under the new law, Iowa Code section 21.4 will require all county boards, commissions and committees to include all the following when giving notice of a meeting:

- (a) Advising the news media who have filed a request for notice with the governmental body.
- (b) Posting the notice in a prominent and conspicuous place which is annually designated for such purposes by the governmental body, in a manner such that the notice is visible at all times.
- (c) Posting the notice on the primary internet site owned or maintained and regularly updated by the governmental body or other primary internet presence moderated by the governmental body, if applicable.

Laehn will notify all county boards, commissions and committees of this change in the law. The board will be designating the prominent place where agendas will be required to be posted prior to July 1, 2026.

Laehn also discussed a new law that eliminates the cap on county attorney salaries. He feels that if the county continues with the sharing agreement with Calhoun and Sac Counties after January 1, 2027 that this should not affect any of the three counties.

At 8:45 a.m. motion by Bardole, second by Benitz to open the Public Hearing for the request from NEW Cooperative to place an additional anhydrous ammonia storage tank at the existing anhydrous ammonia storage facility at 1077 140<sup>th</sup> Street, Churdan, Iowa.

Jeff Marsh, Regulatory Compliance Administrator with New Cooperative explained that the current facility has two tanks that have storage capacity of 90,000 gallons of anhydrous ammonia. With the addition of another tank this would increase their storage to 135,000 gallons. By increasing their storage capacity at the Churdan site, they would be able to better service their customers in the area.

There were no oral or written comments from the public.

At 8:50 a.m. motion by Muir, second by Gannon to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Muir, second by Gannon to approve the request from NEW Cooperative to place an additional anhydrous ammonia storage tank at the existing anhydrous ammonia storage facility at 1077 140<sup>th</sup> Street, Churdan, Iowa. Motion carried unanimously.

Jon Hayden with Heritage Insurance reviewed the FY27 ICAP Renewal. Hayden reviewed Property, Inland Marine & Crime, General Liability, Cyber Liability and Commercial Liability deductibles. He also reviewed the county's Worker Compensation renewal for FY27. He reviewed the county's experience modification factor and discounts received based on good experience. Total ICAP invoice for FY27 \$352,612. Total Workers Compensation \$40,998. Motion by Bardole second by Muir to approve the ICAP renewal for FY27. Motion carried unanimously.

Cheryl Robson with the Friends of Greene County Iowa Parks updated the board on their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Squirrel Hollow 3D Bow Shoot that was held on June 6<sup>th</sup>. With this being the first year they did not know how many participants to expect. They did have 12 participants, which they thought was good considering the first year and there were two other bow shoots going on elsewhere in the state. They plan to hold another one in the fall of 2027.

County Engineer Wade Weiss reported on the P46/E26 Paving Project. Paving will begin this week on a portion of the project. Gravel hauling throughout the county should be completed by July 4.

Real Estate/Tax Coordinator Pam Olerich reported to the board that she has received a request from the City of Paton to annex two properties. The two properties are Paton Pit Stop and one residential property. Olerich will be working with the Assessor's office to get this completed.

Motion by Benitz, second by Gannon to approve the Service Agreement to Participate in the ISAC HIPAA Program for FY27. Annual Renewal is \$1,750. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Benitz, second by Muir to approve Resolution 2026-056 approving the full-time hire of Zach Barden as a Deputy Sheriff for the Greene County Sheriff's Office.

**RESOLUTION 2026-056**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Greene County Board of Supervisors approves the full-time hire of Zach Barden as a Deputy Sheriff for the Greene County Sheriff's Office effective June 17, 2026. Barden annual salary will be \$81,000.

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

Motion by Muir, second by Gannon to approve the Retail Tobacco License renewal for Paton Pit Stop, LLC. Effective July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisors reported on meetings attended. Supervisor Rudolph attended a Grow Greene County meeting and a Board of Health meeting.

Supervisor Gannon along with County Attorney Laehn discussed responsibilities of the townships concerning Pioneer Cemeteries. Under current law Pioneer Cemeteries are under the jurisdiction of the townships. To change this the county would have to enact an ordinance giving the responsibility over to the Pioneer Cemetery Commission or to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Gannon and Rudolph agreed to meet with all the townships trustees to discuss this before moving forward.

At 9:52 a.m. motion by Benitz, second by Bardole to go into closed session for Tony Janssen's follow-up review as custodian from his annual review, which was held on February 9, 2026, at Janssen's request pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5 (1) (i). Roll call vote was taken. Aye: Bardole, Benitz, Gannon, Miur, Rudolph. Motion carried unanimously.

At 10:10 a.m. motion by Muir, second by Gannon to return to their regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

Rudolph adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

ATTEST: Dawn Rudolph, Chair  
Billie Jo Hoskins, Auditor