Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
August 17, 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, Gannon, Rudolph, Muir. Absent: Benitz. Motion by Bardole, second by Muir to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Muir, second by Gannon to approve the minutes of August 10, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney Thomas Laehn gave an update on the litigation with Union Pacific Railroad on a drainage ditch repair that the railroad has failed to pay. Laehn also gave an update on Summitt Carbon Solutions CO2 Pipeline.

Environmental Health Coordinator Chuck Wenthold gave an update on the Courthouse HVAC Project.

County Engineer Wade Weis gave an update on the E26/P46 Paving Project. He also discussed repairs being done on railroad crossings.

Informal overnight stay was approved for Wade Weiss to attend the ISAC Annual Conference in Des Moines.

Supervisors reported on meetings attended. Supervisor Muir attended a Region XII Executive Board meeting. Supervisor Rudolph attended a Grow Greene County meeting.

Ryan Berven with Gallagher provided a midyear update on our health insurance plan. Berven shared that the county's claims have increased this year over prior years, but that the plan is still in great shape. Berven stated that even with the increase in claims our fund balance is still growing with current balance approximately $2.9 million. The past three years the county has decreased premiums which brought the premiums down to levels that the county and employees were paying in 2017. He did not recommend taking another decrease but would make a final recommendation when he is here in October with our renewal for calendar year 2027.

Christy Jenkins with New Opportunities spoke with the board via zoom concerning unspent Opioid Grant Funds that New Opportunities received back in 2024. The amount of funds remaining is $1,700.00. Motion by Muir, second by Gannon to approve the extension. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:24 a.m. motion by Gannon, second by Bardole to adjourn to a drainage meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:27 a.m. motion by Gannon, second by Bardole to return to their regular session.

IT Director Lannie Schafroth gave an update on work that he has completed since his hiring in April. Schafroth gave a high overview of equipment and hardware that has been replaced or in the process of being replaced because of end of life of the equipment or hardware. He also discussed upgrades to equipment at the Secondary Roads shop and work being done at the Law Enforcement Center.

At 9:36 a.m. motion by Gannon, second by Muir to go into closed session per Iowa Code sections 21.5(1)(k) and 22.7(50). To discuss information contained in records in the custody of Greene County concerning physical infrastructure, cyber security, critical infrastructure, security procedures, or emergency preparedness developed, maintained, or held for the protection of life or property, disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to jeopardize such life of property.

Roll Call Vote was taken. Aye: Bardole, Gannon, Muir, Rudolph. Motion carried unanimously.

At 10:37 a.m. motion by Gannon, second by Muir to return to their regular meeting. Roll Call Vote was taken. Aye: Bardole, Gannon, Muir, Rudolph. Motion carried unanimously.

The board then discussed damages to courthouse property due to the Courthouse HVAC Project. The board asked that Chuck Wenthold provide all departments with a check off sheet provided by Graphite Construction to document damages and get them turned in as soon as possible so the county can be reimbursed for these damages.

County Attorney Thomas Laehn was not in attendance when the board was discussing with New Opportunities their request for an extension on the spending of Opioid Grant money from 2024. Laehn reminded the board that this would be the second extension that New Opportunities has asked for. The board decided to have Christy Jenkins with New Opportunities come back to the board with more information as far as funds on hand as of January 2025 (first extension) and then what funds on hand were in January of 2026, when the second extension should have been requested. The board asked Laehn to draft an amendment to the 28E agreement for the board's August 24, 2026, meeting.

Rudolph adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

ATTEST: Dawn Rudlph, Chair
Billie Jo Hoskins, Auditor