

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
August 24, 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 via Zoom and telephone, Gannon, Muir, Rudolph. Motion by Muir, second by Bardole to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Gannon, second by Muir to approve the minutes of August 17, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney Thomas Laehn updated the board on his work with revisions to the county's current zoning ordinance. New sections will be added to include wind turbine repowering, battery storage at solar projects and data centers. Revisions to current ordinance would include adding separation distances to new data centers and to include any changes in the law. Laehn also reported to the board that he currently has three Petitions for Post Conviction Relief cases on file. Two of the cases will go to trial this year. These cases are civil, so they do not require a jury trial. He also reported that the two civil trials are in addition to the ten criminal jury trials he's allotted each year. He also reported that when there is an officer involved shooting both the county attorney and the Attorney General's Office do an investigation. Laehn reported that he currently has all the evidence and hopes to give his report of the incident in the next few weeks. Laehn also reported that 83 counties currently have a Victim Witness Coordinator. Laehn's hope is that the next county attorney requests that the board hire a part-time coordinator for Greene County or share one with Sac and Calhoun County.

Due to being short-staffed County Treasurer Katlynn Mechaelsen informed the board that beginning September 1, 2026, the driver's license station will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., it will be closed from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for lunch. Mechaelsen hopes to go back to regular hours beginning October 1, 2026.

Environmental Health Coordinator Chuck Wenthold gave a Courthouse HVAC Project Update.

County Engineer Wade Weiss gave a report of road projects and an update on the ISAC Conference that was held last week.

Christy Jenkins Behavioral Health Director with New Opportunities was present to explain New Opportunities' reasons for the need for an amendment to the current 28E Agreement between Greene County, Iowa and New Opportunities. The current agreement expired on June 30, 2026. Jenkins is asking for an extension of December 31, 2026, to expend the remaining \$1,700 dollars of grant funds.

Motion by Gannon, second by Muir to approve Resolution 2026-073 adopting certain amendments to the 28E Agreement between Greene County, Iowa and New Opportunities, Inc.

RESOLUTION 2026-073

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE 28E AGREEMENT BETWEEN GREENE COUNTY, IOWA AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES, INC. FOR YOUTH-FOCUSED AND PEER-SUPPORT OPIOID USE DISORDER REMEDIATION SERVICES IN GREENE COUNTY, IOWA.

WHEREAS, public agencies may enter into an agreement with one or more private agencies for joint and cooperative action pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Iowa Code;

WHEREAS, Greene County, Iowa, and New Opportunities, Inc. entered into a 28E agreement on June 10, 2024, for the purpose of abating the Opioid Use Disorder epidemic in Greene County through the provision of youth-focused and peer-support Opioid Use Disorder remediation services to the County residents;

WHEREAS, Article X of the agreement provides that the agreement may be amended “by a written agreement signed by the parties”;

WHEREAS, the Parties amended the agreement on September 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Parties believe that certain further amendments to the 28E agreement would be mutually beneficial;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR GREENE COUNTY, IOWA:

Section 1. That the proposed amendments to the June 10, 2024, 28E Agreement between Greene County, Iowa and New Opportunities, Inc. for Youth-Focused and Peer-Support Opioid Use Disorder Remediation Services in Greene County, Iowa be hereby adopted by Greene County; and

Section 2. That the Greene County Treasurer be hereby authorized and directed to cause the amendments to the 28E Agreement to be filed with the Iowa Secretary of State in accordance with Iowa Code section 28E.8(1)(b) upon their execution by both Greene County and New Opportunities, Inc.

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

Motion by Muir, second by Bardole to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Mechanical Portion of the Courthouse HVAC Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Muir, second by Gannon to approve claims payable for August 24, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

The board along with Assessor Adam Smith and Real Estate/Tax Coordinator Pam Oleich discussed each office’s responsibilities concerning GIS within the courthouse. Currently the county contracts with Schneider to assist with parcel splits and the drawing/updating of the maps to show changes in ownership. It was discussed whether the cost of this service be split between the two offices or if the assessor should pay for the service. The board informally agreed to propose that the expenses remain within the assessor’s office, but this decision would ultimately be up to the Assessor’s Conference Board.

Supervisors reported on meetings attended. Supervisor Bardole attended a GCDC Membership meeting.

Rudolph adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

ATTEST: Dawn Rudolph, Chair
Billie Jo Hoskins, Auditor