

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
September 28, 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 Muir, second by Benitz to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bardole, second by Gannon to approve the minutes September 21, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney Thomas Laehn reported that he has completed the yearly security assessment for Greene County that is submitted to the state. Currently his office has 69 indictable cases. Assistant County Attorney Laura Snider is currently working on two-thirds of the cases.

Ambulance Director Michele Madsen presented her July and August 2026 Hospital Transfer report.

Motion by Muir, second by Bardole to approve Resolution 2026-075 Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E for the Establishment of a Shared Victim-Witness Coordinator Position in and for Calhoun County, Greene County, and Sac County, Iowa and Authorizing its Execution.

RESOLUTION 2026-075

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE CHAPTER 28E FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SHARED VICTIM-WITNESS COORDINATOR POSITION IN AND FOR CALHOUN COUNTY, GREENE COUNTY, AND SAC COUNTY, IOWA, AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION

WHEREAS, Greene County, Iowa, is a public agency within the meaning of Iowa Code § 28E.2 (2026) and is authorized by Iowa Code §§ 28E.3 and 28E.4 (2026) to enter into an agreement with other public agencies for the joint exercise of any power, privilege, or authority that it may exercise separately;

WHEREAS, the Victim Rights Act, Iowa Code chapter 915, imposes on the county attorney of every county mandatory, continuing duties to register victims of crime, to notify them of court proceedings, releases, plea agreements, and their rights, to assist them with victim impact statements, restitution, and crime victim compensation, and to document that those duties have been performed, and Iowa Code § 331.756(71) (2026) and (72) direct the county attorney to carry out those duties in every prosecution;

WHEREAS, Greene County is among the few counties in Iowa without a victim-witness coordinator, so that the duties described above presently fall upon the attorneys of the Greene County Attorney's Office;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2026, the Counties of Calhoun, Greene, and Sac filed with the Iowa Secretary of State, as Filing Number M518978, an intergovernmental agreement establishing, effective January 1, 2027, a multicounty county attorney office serving the three Counties with fewer attorneys than presently serve them separately, so that the need for a dedicated victim-witness coordinator in Greene County will increase on that date;

WHEREAS, in Article 9, subsection D, of that agreement this Board agreed to confer and negotiate in good faith regarding the creation of a victim-witness coordinator position serving Greene County, to

work cooperatively in pursuing grant funding for the position, and, if grant funding were secured, to work in good faith with the other Counties to determine the terms of the position, and the Counties acknowledged that victim-witness services might be consolidated across the three Counties through a separate agreement under Iowa Code chapter 28E;

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2026, an application for a Victim Witness Coordinator grant was submitted on behalf of the Greene County Attorney's Office to the Victim Assistance Section of the Iowa Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General; on August 17, 2026, the Section recommended the application for funding; and on September 21, 2026, the Section confirmed the award to Greene County for a grant period beginning October 1, 2026, so that grant funding for the position has been secured;

WHEREAS, Sac County and Calhoun County have shared a single victim-witness coordinator since July 1, 2006, under an agreement pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 28E, supported by a Victim Witness Coordinator grant that Sac County has received since at least that year, and the position has been a full-time position since 2022;

WHEREAS, the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement Pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E for the Establishment of a Shared Victim-Witness Coordinator Position in and for Calhoun County, Greene County, and Sac County, Iowa (the "Agreement"), a copy of which is attached to and made a part of this Resolution, extends that proven position to Greene County effective October 1, 2026; provides that the Coordinator is an employee of Sac County, which administers the Coordinator's wages, benefits, and insurance; apportions every grant received by any County for the position equally among the three Counties, so long as the terms of the grant permit; divides the remaining cost of the position equally, one-third to each County; and provides for the Sac County Auditor to bill Greene County once each fiscal year, with payment due on or before June 30;

WHEREAS, under the Agreement Greene County obtains the services of a full-time, experienced victim-witness coordinator, with established relationships with the courts, law enforcement agencies, and victim service providers of the region and demonstrated familiarity with the Section's grant requirements, at an anticipated net cost to Greene County of approximately \$22,500 per fiscal year after application of the grants, and approximately \$16,900 for the nine-month period from October 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, which is a fraction of the cost of recruiting, employing, insuring, and training a stand-alone position, and without the delay of recruitment;

WHEREAS, the grant awarded to Greene County requires the position to be operating on October 1, 2026, and approval of the Agreement at this meeting permits Greene County to make full use of the award from the first day of the grant period;

WHEREAS, this Board finds that the Agreement is in the best interests of Greene County and its citizens, that it fulfills the commitment this Board made in Article 9, subsection D, of the multicounty agreement, and that the budget of Greene County for fiscal year 2026-2027 was certified before the Agreement and will require amendment in accordance with Iowa Code § 331.435 (2026) to reflect the County's expenditures and receipts under it;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. The Intergovernmental Agreement Pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E for the Establishment of a Shared Victim-Witness Coordinator Position in and for Calhoun County, Greene County, and Sac County, Iowa, in the form attached to this Resolution, is approved.

Section 2. The Chair of the Board of Supervisors is authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of Greene County, and the Greene County Auditor is authorized and directed to attest the Chair's signature and to affix the seal of the County.

Section 3. The Greene County Attorney is authorized to execute the Agreement in that capacity and to take all actions on behalf of Greene County that the Agreement assigns to the County Attorney.

Section 4. This Resolution constitutes the approval of the Board of Supervisors, for purposes of Iowa Code § 331.903 (2026), of the appointment of the person serving as Coordinator on the effective date of the Agreement and of any successor appointed by the County Attorney under the Agreement.

Section 5. The Greene County Auditor is directed to furnish a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Auditors of Sac County and Calhoun County; to cooperate with the Sac County Auditor in filing the fully executed Agreement electronically with the Iowa Secretary of State as required by Iowa Code § 28E.8 (2026); and to maintain a copy of the executed Agreement for public inspection as required by Iowa law.

Section 6. The Greene County Auditor is directed to prepare, and the Board will consider at a subsequent meeting after notice and hearing as required by Iowa Code § 331.435, an amendment to the budget of Greene County for fiscal year 2026-2027 reflecting the County's expenditures and receipts under the Agreement and under the Victim Witness Coordinator grant awarded to Greene County.

Section 7. The Greene County Attorney, as project director of the Victim Witness Coordinator grant awarded to Greene County, is authorized to submit to the Victim Assistance Section the updated budget, goals, and scope of work that the Section has requested, to describe in them the three-county structure established by the Agreement, and to request any approval the Section requires, including the change in project director that will result from the multicounty county attorney office on January 1, 2027.

Section 8. This Resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

At 9:00 a.m. motion by Gannon, second by Benitz to adjourn to a drainage meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:05 a.m. motion by Rudolph, second by Benitz to return to their regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisors reported on meetings attended. Supervisor Benitz attended a Jail Construction meeting, a New Opportunities meeting and a Central Iowa Juvenile Detention meeting.

Motion by Bardole, second by Muir to approve claims payable for September 28, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Overnight stays were informally approved for County Attorney Thomas Laehn to attend the County Attorney's Fall Conference. Also informally approved for Sheriff Jack Willams and Deputies Shane Allen and Larry Rogers to attend the ISSDA Winter School.

Rudolph adjourned the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

ATTEST: Dawn Rudolph, Chair
Billie Jo Hoskins, Auditor