

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
March 2, 2020

Greene County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. in the courthouse boardroom with all supervisors present: Bardole, Burkett, Contner, Muir, Rudolph. Motion by Contner, second by Burkett to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Rudolph, second by Burkett to approve the minutes of February 24, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisors receiving correspondence included Tom Contner from John Beltz about Highway 30 and Chair John Muir from Landus board member Sue Tronchetti noting that Landus has not requested tax assistance on projects in the county.

County attorney Thomas Laehn shared his concerns about a Midwest Alarm Services agreement on the agenda (later) for consideration. Laehn discussed those parts of the agreement he would like to see modified, with the board then tabling that agenda item until Laehn can discuss terms of the agreement with a Midwest Alarm representative.

Supervisor Dawn Rudolph reported attending meetings of Board of Health, Central Iowa Community Services board, and Grow Greene. She also reported discussion with Scranton Manufacturing. Supervisor Pete Bardole reported attending meetings of Chamber and Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center boards. Chair Muir shared overnight travel requests from Marcia Tasler, Wade Weiss and Tanner Stauffer which were informally approved.

Motion by Contner, second by Bardole to accept the Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Fees for October through December 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Jane Millard, accompanied by several members of Greene County Librarians Association (GCLA), shared a power-point presentation about digitization of Greene County newspaper archives. Millard explained that an earlier GCLA project in 2013 allowed Jefferson newspapers dating from 1866 through 2018 to be digitized. Current Jefferson newspapers are now added annually as a continuation of that original project. This project is designed to preserve and increase access of additional county historical records to include the *Churdan Reporter* (1891-1964), *Grand Junction Globe* (1870 – 1999), and *Scranton Journal* (1884-2018). The digital archives are available online at no charge. GCLA is seeking funds for this second digitization project for these historical documents. Cost of the project is estimated at \$21,506, and the GCLA request is for \$3,000 from county Dreyfus funds. Motion by Contner, second by Rudolph to provide \$3,000 of Dreyfus funding to the GCLA digitization project. Motion carried unanimously.

Carroll Perkins provided the board a petition signed by sixteen rural residents who are asking the board of supervisors, along with the county attorney, to "...promulgate rules that would allow the county to address the issue of eyesores and dilapidated properties with no intrinsic value that are creating blight in rural Greene County." The petition goes on to say "Eyesores of this type would long ago have been removed from the incorporated cities along old Highway 30 in Greene County.... cities have powers to remove blighted properties, and we are seeking the same remedy for rural Greene County." Discussion then included specific reference to an old Highway 30 motel property west of Jefferson currently owned by Bruce Banister. Randy Monthei and Randy Wittrock also addressed the board about the dilapidated property and their desire to see it cleared. Chair John Muir told those present that the board would communicate/reach out to the property owner to discuss the matter to see what might be done.

Motion by Contner, second by Burkett to approve three claims for payment: City of Churdan - utilities \$21; Xenia Rural Water - utilities \$112.60; State Steel of Des Moines – reinforcing steel \$3,851.45.
Motion carried unanimously.

Muir adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

John J. Muir, Chair BOS

ATTEST: Jane Heun, Auditor