

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
May 4, 2020

Greene County Board of Supervisors met at 8:45 a.m. in the courthouse boardroom with supervisors Bardole, Burkett, Contner, Muir and Rudolph present. The courthouse remains closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the meeting was made available electronically, audio only, through zoom.us. Those participating electronically were identified as Coltrane Carlson, Janice Harbaugh, Rick Morain (all media), Ginny Showman and Mike Palmer. Motion by Contner, second by Rudolph to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Burkett, second by Bardole to approve the minutes of April 27, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Tom Contner reported participation in a New Opportunities board meeting. Supervisor Pete Bardole reported participation in a GCDC voting board meeting, as well as discussion with Chris Henning about the status of the annual farmers market. Chair John Muir reported there were two EOC meetings and a department head meeting last week. Although some restrictions have been reduced in the county, the courthouse remains closed to the public until May 18th, at which time opening is to be revisited.

Engineer Wade Weiss discussed various maintenance items needing attention in the bell tower, including some painting and trim work, erecting a sign, and some additional cooling options for the upper deck. Replacement of a broken window and cleaning the deck windows were also discussed.

Motion by Contner, second by Burkett to approve Resolution 2020-23: ROAD CLOSURE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS grading and road relocation work of the roadway located on the East side of Section 16 and the West side of Section 15, Township 83 North, Range 30 West (Grant Twp) is scheduled, and that construction work will make it necessary to close the roadway to vehicular traffic, and;

WHEREAS the Code of Iowa Chapter 306 provides that the agency having jurisdiction and control over any highway, may temporarily close sections of a highway by formal resolution entered upon the minutes of such agency when reasonably necessary because of construction, reconstruction, maintenance or natural disaster and shall cause to be erected "road closed" signs and partial or total barricades in the roadway at each end of the closed highway section.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Greene County roadway designated as 243rd be closed to all thru vehicular traffic beginning at the intersection with Mulberry Street (240th & Mulberry St) at the Northwest corner of Section 16, T83N, R30W (Grant Twp) thence East approximately two and one-half (2.5) miles to Quaker Avenue (247th St. & Quaker Ave) in the Southwest quarter of Section 14, T83N, R30W (Grant Twp.) until construction is completed as determined by the County Engineer.

ADDITONALLY that Greene County roadway designated as P Ave be closed to all thru vehicular traffic beginning at the intersection with 252nd St in the Northwest quarter of Section 22, T83N, R30W (Grant Twp) thence North approximately one (1.0) mile to 243rd St in the Northwest quarter of Section 15, T83N, R30W (Grant Twp) until construction is completed as determined by the County Engineer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that signs for the road closure be placed as directed by the engineer in accordance with Chapter 306 of the Code of Iowa and all signs remain in place throughout the construction until removed by directive of the engineer.

Aye: Bardole, Burkett, Contner, Muir, Rudolph. Resolution unanimously approved.

County attorney Thomas Laehn reviewed circumstances leading to proposed amendments to the County's existing 28E agreement with the City of Jefferson for the Animal Shelter, originally approved May 25, 2000. Laehn pointed out legal requirements of a 28E and provided amended language that brings the original 28E up to Code. Also included is an agreement to replace \$1,500 with \$6,000 as a maximum county contribution for sharing operational expenses of the shelter equally with the city of Jefferson. Per the agreement, said expenses include utilities and food, but not costs for labor. The County previously discussed raising its share from the original \$1,500, but the 28E was not amended to reflect this. Motion by Bardole, second by Rudolph to approve Resolution 2020-24:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE ANIMAL SHELTER 28E AGREEMENT

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

WHEREAS Greene County, Iowa, and the City of Jefferson, Iowa, entered into a 28E agreement on May 25, 2000, for the purpose of sharing the operational expenses of the Jefferson animal shelter;

WHEREAS Section 5 of the agreement provides that the agreement may be amended "by the mutual consent of the parties"; and

WHEREAS the parties believe that certain 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 May 25, 2000, Animal Shelter 28E Agreement between Greene County and the City of Jefferson be hereby adopted by Greene County; and

Section 2: That the Greene County Auditor be hereby authorized and directed to file the amendments to the 28E Agreement, upon their execution by both Greene County and the City of Jefferson, with the Iowa Secretary of State in accordance with Iowa Code section 28E.8, and to record the fully executed amendments in the Office of the Greene County Recorder.

Aye: Bardole, Burkett, Contner, Muir, Rudolph. Resolution unanimously passed and approved on May 4, 2020.

Chair Muir began discussion regarding possible acquisition of the Midland Power administration building located just south of Lincoln Way on the east side of Jefferson. Midland's expansion to a new administrative office in Boone County creates the opportunity for the county to purchase this local building that Muir and Sheriff Jack Williams deem suitable for modification as a law enforcement center. Muir noted that he and Sheriff Williams have visited with Midland officials about the property's potential as a law enforcement center that could provide ample space for a new jail in the future – an ideal location with nearly 11 acres. The existing storage area at the facility is to remain Midland's property. Polling of the board indicated that the supervisors favor proceeding with continued talks with Midland officials about purchasing the property.

Muir adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

John J. Muir, Chair BOS

ATTEST: Jane Heun, Auditor