

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
May 11, 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. Motion by Contner, second by Bardole to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Burkett, second by Rudolph to approve the minutes of May 4, 2020. Motion carried unanimously

Chair John Muir reported participating in two EOC meetings last week. Engineer Wade Weiss reported that Tim Verdin (Verdin Company) will be coming to Jefferson next week for Bell Tower-related matters. Sheriff Jack Williams reported receiving several calls in support of acquiring the Midland Cooperative building for law enforcement use. IT director Michelle Fields reported that she is looking into changing the county's website to a .gov domain as recommended by the Iowa Secretary of State office for better election-related security.

Mike Palmer, participating electronically, updated the board on city of Jefferson projects that included airport extension, trail bid awards, and buildings on the Square. The city council will also be considering the amendments to the 28E Animal Shelter agreement with the County.

Muir opened the public hearing for Stumpf Finishers, LLC site in Sec. 32 of Highland Twp at 9:00 a.m. Public participation was available electronically for comments related to the proposed site. Owner Todd Stumpf began the conversation with his plans for the site that would include windbreaks. Becky Sexton, Twin Lakes Environmental, noted Stumpf is researching use of a pit additive, while no decision on applicator has yet been made.

Dale & Nancy Hanaman shared an email they had submitted requesting the board deny the confinement application and giving their reasons for doing so. Mayor of Churdan, Joleen Killeen, expressed her concerns about the many confinements already near Churdan, saying there are already enough. John McCormick spoke in favor of the site, saying it will be good for development, jobs, and tax revenue. Chris Henning questioned whether Stumpf had any interest in land in the county other than the site, noting Stumpf lives in Calhoun County. Henning asked whether cover crops will be used. George Naylor spoke against another site and questioned who benefits from it. Chuck Bertelli, with wife Liz, spoke against the site and questioned if the community is against it, why build. Karen Hudson spoke against the confinement as did Kathy Law sharing concerns about well water quality, noise, odors and damage to gravel roads.

Stumpf replied to many of the questions and concerns and stated his goal is to be an exceptional neighbor. He indicated he has worked in the hog industry for 25 years. County engineer Wade Weiss addressed the roads issue noting that the roads near the facility would be reinforced at a cost to the county. Mike Spencer (Carroll Co.), Aaron Juergens, and Gene Gourley (Hamilton Co.) also lent support to Stumpf's good reputation and work. Kevin Fitzpatrick questioned why Stumpf wants to build in Greene County rather than Calhoun County where he resides. Stumpf noted the presence of Iowa Select around him and no ability to own a barn himself there. He has that opportunity working with Seaboard in Greene County. Jon and Jayne Tiffany shared their opposition and concerns about the location of the site and lack of notification. Jayne voiced concerns about a well going dry. Kathy Martin, working with the Tiffanys and Charles and Dean Hoskins, reviewed concerns about scoring of multiple

items and points included in the Master Matrix score. Charles and Dean Hoskins also spoke and questioned manure application items on the scoring.

At 10:25 a.m., motion by Contner, second by Bardole to close the hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Each of the board shared thoughts about the site, with Contner saying that it will benefit the county even though he doesn't generally support out of county owners. Rudolph expressed her opinion that communication had been poor for this application. Burkett, Bardole and Muir all shared that they look at the matrix (scoring) from the IDNR and actions are limited. Written and oral comments, both for and against the site, will be sent with the board's recommendation to the IDNR.

Motion by Bardole, second by Burkett to recommend approval of the Stumpf Finisher, LLC construction application to the IDNR. Aye: Bardole, Burkett, Contner, Muir. Nay: Rudolph. Motion carried.

Chair Muir next opened a hearing for Austin and Jolee Saddoris site, Sec. 2 of South Junction Twp - a proposed new site with two buildings. Austin Saddoris explained that Jolee began with one site four years ago, and he plans to chore this new site. They have visited with neighbors and family near the site. Roger and Judy Wessling (nearby family) wrote a letter in support of the site. Chris Henning questioned whether biofilters and cover crops would be used. Saddoris replied yes to cover crops and no to biofilters. Mike McHugh, who owns land nearby, stated that he does not have a problem with the site. Kate Neese commended the couple and family as good stewards of the land and ideal people for this. Patti Naylor shared that she feels it is insane to keep building more hog confinements in the middle of a pandemic.

At 10:40 a.m., motion by Contner, second by Rudolph to close the hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Contner, second by Rudolph to recommend approval of the Austin and Jolee Saddoris construction application to the IDNR. Aye: Bardole, Burkett, Contner, Muir, Rudolph. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion by Rudolph, second by Contner to accept the Recorder's Report of Fees for April. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Contner, second by Rudolph to approve Resolution 2020-25 to transfer funds;

WHEREAS the Greene County Board of Supervisors is to remit \$72,300 for interest for G.O. Urban Renewal Capital Loan Notes due June 1, 2020, and

WHEREAS a transfer of funds is necessary for the payment of interest from the Debt Service fund.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the transfer of \$50,300 from the General fund and \$22,000 from the Capital Project fund (interest earned) to the Debt Service fund for payment of said interest.

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

Motion by Rudolph, second by Bardole to set a public hearing for a FY2020 budget amendment at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26th in the courthouse boardroom. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Burkett, second by Contner to approve claims for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Henning shared a press release regarding the Farmers Market and then Muir adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.