

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
October 6, 2014

Greene County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. in the courthouse boardroom with all supervisors present: Burkett, Contner, Muir, Richardson, Rudolph.

Motion by Richardson, second by Contner to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Burkett, second by Rudolph to approve the minutes of September 29, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Tom Contner reported attending a special meeting of the New Opportunities board. Supervisor Dawn Rudolph reported attending the conservation board meeting, Long Term Care's open house, Historical Society's meeting in Paton and an Early Childhood Task Force meeting and open house.

Deb McGinn and Alan Robinson of Main Street Iowa addressed the board regarding several items. McGinn updated the board on the Main Street plaque project. McGinn requested use of the courthouse for lighting of the Christmas tree on December 4th from 5:30 to 6 p.m. and gave details of those plans. Robinson informed the board that the county's application for a Main Street Iowa Challenge Grant for the courthouse's stained glass dome did not receive funding. He suggested another possible grant source and ended by noting that the Jefferson Main Street Program had passed national accreditation.

At 9:00 a.m., Chair John Muir opened a public hearing for a proposed amendment to the current county budget. Auditor Jane Heun reviewed the proposed revenue and expenditure adjustments with the board and those in attendance. Motion by Richardson, second by Burkett to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Richardson, second by Burkett to approve Resolution 2014-28:

WHEREAS a public hearing has been held for a proposed amendment to the fiscal year 2015 Greene County budget as required by Iowa Code 331.435,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors adopts said budget amendment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds for the amended expenditures be fully appropriated for the fiscal year.

Roll call vote: Aye: Burkett, Contner, Muir, Richardson, Rudolph. Motion carried unanimously.

A resolution for the Raccoon River Valley Trail discussed at the board's last meeting was presented for consideration. Motion by Richardson, second by Contner to approve Resolution 2014-29:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RACCOON RIVER VALLEY TRAIL PUBLIC ART INITIATIVE

WHEREAS the Raccoon River Valley Trail (RRVT) now comprises more than 89 miles of paved surface for bicycling and other forms of recreational activities and includes a 72 mile loop which is believed to be the longest paved loop in the United States, and

WHEREAS the RRVT is a highly valued public resource, which enriches our communities and provides health and recreation benefit to people of all ages, abilities and socio-economic background, and

WHEREAS the RRVT is showing a great potential in creating economic growth and activity in the 14 communities on the trail system, having seen usage more than double since the completion of the 72 mile loop, with many trail users coming from all over Iowa as well as from out-of-state to use this premier trail, and

WHEREAS Public Art has been proven to be a true difference-maker in attracting regional and national visitors to public facilities like the RRVT, and it is believed that making an investment in public art on the RRVT will lead to increased investment, economic growth and cultural enrichment in the trail communities and region, and

WHEREAS the use of old railroad beds to build the RRVT system has inspired the public art theme of "In the Shadow of the Rails" to guide the creation of dramatic and bold public art installations throughout the 14 RRVT trail communities, to establish a unifying theme which will help identify the RRVT and draw into each community along the trail, creating a type of cultural corridor, and

WHEREAS the RRVT Public Art Initiative will serve as a catalyst for the further development of locally unique points of interest and cultural amenities within individual trail communities, and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a common public art initiative by all communities along the trail will help to establish RRVT as a unified regional resource that will assist each trail community in securing grants, corporate gifts, and the potential designation of the RRVT corridor as an "Iowa Great Place."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greene County Board of Supervisors does hereby support the regional collaboration among the 14 communities on the RRVT trail for the purposes of economic and cultural development and does heartily endorse the RRVT "In the Shadows of the Rails" Public Art Initiative and application to the Iowa Great Places program for funding support and designation of the RRVT as an "Iowa Great Place".

Roll call vote: Aye: Muir, Burkett, Richardson, Rudolph, Contner. Motion carried unanimously.

Pam Olerich reviewed an application for Disabled Veteran's Homestead Tax Credit for consideration by the board. Motion by Contner, second by Rudolph to approve the disabled vet homestead tax credit application presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rudolph, second by Richardson to accept the Recorder's Report of Fees for September. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Rudolph, second by Burkett to accept the Auditor's Quarterly Passport Report for July through September. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Burkett, second by Contner to approve Resolution 2014-30 for funding transfers to the Secondary Roads department:

WHEREAS the Greene County Board of Supervisors has set funding transfers for the Secondary Roads department in its fiscal 2015 budget.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors, in accordance with Iowa Code 331.429 and 331.432 and the county's fiscal 2015 budget, approves the transfer of \$50,000 from the General fund, \$480,000 from the Rural fund, and \$175,000 from the LOSST fund all to the Secondary Roads department.

Roll call vote: Aye: Contner, Richardson, Muir, Rudolph, Burkett. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:25 a.m., motion to adjourn by Burkett, second by Contner. Motion carried unanimously.

John J. Muir, Chair BOS

ATTEST: Jane Heun, Auditor