

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
December 5, 2016

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 Contner, second by Burkett to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Burkett, second by Rudolph to approve the minutes of November 28, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Chuck Wenthold shared a letter written by city of Jefferson engineer John Milligan (Bolton & Menk) expressing water concerns that was included with the board's recommendation to the IDNR for the proposed Ostrander site. He also shared a letter recapping Webster County Board of Supervisors proposals for "changes to CAFO and Matrix".

Supervisor Dawn Rudolph reported more on a previous Heart of Iowa Community Services meeting. Rudolph shared her concerns about a recommendation at that meeting to make the mental health advocate a full time position for the region and also to hire four additional employees for the region. Chair John Muir reported attending the ISAC fall conference as well as the site visit for last week's Ostrander site review by the IDNR.

Motion by Contner, second by Rudolph to approve a class C wine permit for Deal Orchard. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Richardson, second by Burkett to accept the Recorder's Report of Fees for November. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Lamoureux addressed the board on behalf of Heart of Iowa Habitat for Humanity. Lamoureux shared that five families in Greene County were assisted by the organization during the past year by continuing with its Helping Hands program currently in its fifth year. Materials and services were purchased with the \$5,000 given by the county during the past year. Lamoureux also shared photos of the before-and-after work performed by Habitat and its volunteers. \$5,000 was requested for the next fiscal year, with no action taken at this time by the board.

Engineer Wade Weiss reviewed bridge replacement projects to be approved by the board. Motion by Rudolph, second by Richardson to award FM-CO37 (51) - -55-37 (bridge over Otter Creek) to Murphy Heavy Contracting Corp. for \$545,107.60. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Burkett, second by Contner to award BRS-CO37 (65) - -60-37 (bridge over Raccoon River on N-65) to Godbersen-Smith Construction Co. for \$2,094,251.81. Motion carried unanimously.

Weiss also reviewed a contract for the stained glass dome rehabilitation project. Motion by Contner, second by Richardson to approve a contract with The Stained Glass Company totaling \$109,640 for stained glass dome rehabilitation. Motion carried unanimously.

Sandy Scheuermann reviewed the county's health insurance claims experience and other costs during the year. The plan's loss ratio was discussed and the option of raising the stop loss amount from \$30,000 to \$40,000 was shown as an option. Possible ways to lower costs to the county were reviewed. Fixed costs would increase 27% with no changes to the current plan, while annual expected costs would increase by nearly 22%. Different proposals were examined with no action taken at this time.

At 10:10 a.m., motion by Contner, second by Burkett to adjourn to a drainage meeting for DD2 Resumption of Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously. The board returned to regular session at 10:45 a.m. Chair John Muir departed from the meeting at this time.

Motion by Burkett, second by Richardson to approve the homestead credit and military exemption disallowances as recommended by the assessor. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

John J. Muir, Chair BOS

ATTEST: Jane Heun, Auditor