

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
April 18, 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 Richardson to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Richardson, second by Burkett to approve the minutes of April 11, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

During open forum, Michael Larson discussed with the board his understanding that he qualified for three-year tax abatement for his house in Grand Junction as part of the county's Home Base Iowa program. Currently only Jefferson has such a program, but both a posted newspaper article and misunderstanding by others led to Larson's current situation. The board indicated that they will follow up to determine what might be done to resolve the situation.

Motion by Contner, second by Rudolph to appoint Billie Jo Hoskins as authorized signatory for county substance abuse grant documents. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:00 a.m., Chair Muir opened a public hearing for taking bids for a property in Rippey. Treasurer Donna Lawson explained that no written bids had been received. The hearing is to be continued at next week's board meeting when any bids on the property will be considered.

Informal approval for overnight travel requests were given to Michelle Fields for a G.I.S. conference and Nick Martino for a Spring training conference.

Chuck Wenthold distributed plans and matrix scoring information for MLB 170th Site in Section 5 of Hardin Township. Owners Mike and Kathy Bravard were present for the review of the master matrix scoring of the proposed hog site that scored 450 points. Wenthold noted that points have been claimed for a closure plan, but not for landscaping. Mike Bravard stated that he does intend however to landscape later after construction. The board reviewed all the maps and documents. Motion by Contner, second by Burkett to set a hearing for the proposed site on May 2nd at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rudolph, second by Richardson to accept the Treasurer's Investment & Driver's License Report for March. Motion carried unanimously.

Conservation director Dan Towers was present to report to the board and others regarding a proposed Southern Prairie Pothole initiative that would include portions of southwest Greene County, northwest Guthrie County and southeast Carroll County, all focusing on lands in the Willow Creek watershed. The initiative is aimed at increasing and preserving wildlife habitat and hunting opportunities in an area without much current habitat. National Wildlife Refuge designation by Congress would allow access to state and federal funding options for willing

sellers generally whose land has wet areas not easily farmed. Towers explained that the current Dunbar Slough area is part of the proposed Southern Prairie Pothole designation and has approximately 2,500 acres. Towers suggested that total acres might double over twenty years as this would be a slow process of voluntary land acquisition. Towers noted that reimbursements are made to local governments for part of the tax revenue that would otherwise have been collected. The board agreed to consider a letter of support for the Southern Prairie Pothole initiative at its next meeting.

Motion by Richardson, second by Burkett to approve Resolution 2016-09 for transfer of funds:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Greene County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with Iowa Code 331.429 & 331.432 and the county's fiscal 2016 budget, approves a transfer of the final \$480,000 from the rural fund to the Secondary Roads fund.

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

Motion by Richardson, second by Contner to approve Department of Transportation - Initial Detour of Primary Highway onto Local Roads for BRF-030-3(43)- - 38-17. Motion carried unanimously. (U.S. 30 Highway bridge project in Grand Junction scheduled in 2017)

Motion by Burkett, second by Richardson to approve Iowa Department of Transportation Preconstruction Agreement for Primary Road Project BRF-030-3(43)- -38-17. Motion carried unanimously. (re: salvaged bridge girder placement)

Chair Muir adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

John J. Muir, Chair BOS

ATTEST: Jane Heun, Auditor