

Auditor's Office  
Jefferson, Iowa  
April 4, 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 Burkett, second by Contner to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Richardson, second by Contner to approve the minutes of March 28, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisors each gave reports of other meetings attended. Those included a Freedom Rock meeting (Dawn Rudolph), New Opportunities (Tom Contner), Bike Art (John Muir), Second Judicial District (Mick Burkett), and GCDC executive board (Guy Richardson).

Chuck Wenthold gave a report of plans/ideas for the makeup of the county's new safety committee and topics of review to be considered by that group.

Chair Muir opened a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. to hear comments for Wessling Ag Site #2, a proposed hog expansion site in Section 18 of Junction Township. Bruce, Jenny and Jolee Wessling, owners, were all present as well as Becky Sexton of Twin Lakes Environmental Services. Chuck Wenthold noted that he had participated in the IDNR site visit last week and that the site had scored 450 on the matrix. Chair Muir noted that he had received one phone call about landscaping around the site. Bruce Wessling stated his intention to put trees around it. Chuck Wenthold noted that he had received one phone call from an individual with some questions about the location of the site.

Kirk Kraft and Kevin Lehs of RPM Access (wind farm) addressed the board regarding handling/disposal of hog carcasses in a timely manner. Kraft noted that RPM is not opposed to this project, but rather, discussed how RPM tries to ensure that carcasses within a ten-mile radius of the turbines are disposed of so as to avoid attraction by bald eagles as well as other birds and bats. Wessling noted his use of a rendering service that picks up carcasses three times per week.

Jeanne Myers and Patti Edwardson also addressed questions to Wessling and the board, with Edwardson not objecting specifically to this confinement, but asking in her written statement whether the board would consider a moratorium on confinements in the county. Kate Neese and Sheila Hebenstreit lent their support to the Wessling project as a means to keep young people in the community and noting the Wessling family's commitment to be both good operators and neighbors as well as good stewards of the land. At 9:25 a.m., motion by Richardson, second by Contner to close the hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Richardson, second by Rudolph to recommend approval of the Wessling Ag Site #2 permit application to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Burkett, second by Rudolph to appoint John Paul Fiedler as Bristol Township trustee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Richardson, second by Burkett to approve family farm credit disallowances (two) as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Burkett, second by Richardson to accept the Auditor's Quarterly Report of Passport Fees (Jan/Feb/Mar) and the Recorder's Report of Fees for March. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Wade Weiss updated the board on plans for banners around the courthouse square. Weiss also discussed work being planned for the Bell Tower, noting the Tower Foundation's plans to apply for a CAT grant by April 15<sup>th</sup>. He suggested seeing whether Verdin, the company providing the plans and bells to make the tower a full carillon, be named a general contractor for the project, with the Engineer office assisting as contract administrator.

At 10:05 a.m. Chair Muir adjourned the meeting.

John J. Muir, Chair BOS

ATTEST: Jane Heun, Auditor