

Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

Regular Session

October 31, 2023

The Guthrie County Board of Supervisors met this 31st day of October, 2023, met in regular session in the meeting room at the Guthrie County Courthouse in Guthrie Center, Iowa with the following members present: Maggie Armstrong, Mike Dickson, Brian Johnson, Jerome “J.D.” Kuster and Steve Smith.

The meeting came to order at 9:00 a.m. Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Smith, second by Johnson. All ayes. This included minutes from October 24<sup>th</sup>, claims for October 18 through October 31<sup>st</sup> and a payroll change notice for Harley Hester.

Motion to approve and call for the upcoming RIZ election for Lake Panorama and Diamondhead Lake was made by Armstrong, seconded by Johnson. All ayes.

Rebecca Benton, State Street Insurance, reviewed the county’s work comp insurance, IMWCA, and 2024 ICAP Renewal with the board. There were no questions from the board.

Supervisor Johnson gave an update on the public meeting on October 30 with Representative Zach Nunn.

Facilities Department Head, Brandon Thompson, presented a possible payroll increase for his department to the supervisors of \$1.50 an hour. Thompson stated the Law Enforcement Center has greatly impacted the workload and responsibility of his employees as well as the certifications his employees hold have allowed the county to not outsource work beyond his employees’ capabilities. He agreed with Supervisor Smith that maybe an added employee would also “ease” the workload of current employees, but stated he does not have that amount/position currently in his budget. Armstrong presented an option for lesser increase in hourly rate, which was discussed in further detail by the board. Motion by Smith to increase hourly payroll by \$1. Second by Armstrong. Ayes-Johnson, Armstrong, Smith. Nays- Dickson and Kuster. Motion passed 3-2.

Johnson asked the board to consider moving meetings to the public meeting room in the courthouse.

Larry Glade from the public voiced his concern with 180<sup>th</sup> Trail in Guthrie Center involving the road department and county engineer. Supervisor Smith assured Glade that they would be out to check on the road.

The Board then toured the courthouse and gained updates on all facilities from Brandon Thompson.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the Board adjourned at 10:30 a.m. until its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Motion by Smith, seconded by Kuster to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.

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Brian Johnson, Chair  
Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

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Attest: Kelli Smith,  
Guthrie County Auditor Clerk