

Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

Regular Session

November 14, 2023

The Guthrie County Board of Supervisors met this 14th day of November, 2023, in regular session in the meeting room at the Guthrie County Courthouse in Guthrie Center, Iowa with the following members present: Maggie Armstrong, Brian Johnson, Jerome "J.D." Kuster and Steve Smith. Mike Dickson was absent.

The meeting came to order at 9:05 a.m.

Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda included minutes from November 7, 2023 and Claims from November 1-14, 2023. Motion to approve the consent agenda by Smith, second by Armstrong. Ayes: 4; Dickson Absent.

No public comments were received.

Conservation Department Head, Brad Halterman gave an update to include the Conservation Board meeting minutes. His department will be moving forward with Greene Co. Conservation to make the Raccoon River Valley Trail from Yale to Jefferson as a unified venture between the two counties, regarding grant funding and maintenance.

Public Health, Environmental Health and Transfer Station Department Head, Jotham Arber also gave an update. A renewal of the contract with Guthrie County Hospital will allow for continued Physical Therapy Care. The HOPES program is in the process of hiring for a part-time position. He provided numbers to the Board on the numbers for Flu Shots and Covid Boosters given in the month of October. The Board of Health is currently working on a Malicious Dog Ordinance and hopes to have it prepared by December. The Environmental Health Department is and will continue Perk testing as long as weather permits. He also updated the Board on the Transfer Station as well as recycling bins throughout the county.

Dani Fink, Auditor and Board Supervisors then proceeded with the Tier 1 Canvass of the 2023 Guthrie County City/School Election. A Tier 2 Canvass will take place at next week's meeting.

In other business, Dana Minter presented Charles Abel as the new Asst. County Attorney. Discussion was held on Elderbridge Agency on Aging coming in to present their current budget. There is not a supervisor currently appointed to the Elderbridge Agency. Smith questioned what payments were left to contractors on the new jail. Supervisors also discussed with Auditor Fink some upcoming budgeting workshops and meetings with Department Heads regarding budgeting.

Supervisors gave updates on their other appointed county meetings. Armstrong has met with IT Director Brian Hoffman regarding website development for the county and will continue to update the board on the progression of a new website.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the Board adjourned at 10:37 a.m. until its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 21, 2023. Motion by Kuster second by Smith. Motion carried: Ayes: 4; Dickson Absent.

Brian Johnson, Chair
Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

Attest: Kelli Smith,
Guthrie County Auditor Clerk