

Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

Regular Session

November 21, 2023

The Guthrie County Board of Supervisors met this 21st 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, 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.

Consent Agenda included minutes from November 14, 2023. Motion to approve the consent agenda by Johnson, second by Smith. All ayes.

No public comments were received.

Jessi Heimerman, Deputy Assessor, presented 2023 Family Farm Applications. The recommendation from the Assessor’s office is to approve all the applications, with the exception of 1 as it does not meet the 10-acre minimum requirement. Motion to approve 2023 Family Farm applications, with the exception of the application received for 1394 165th St, Coon Rapids, by Armstrong, second by Dickson. All ayes.

Board discussed FY24 Budget Appropriations. The board originally appropriated 50% of the total FY24 budget. Dickson recommended appropriating 40% of the remaining budget, holding back 10% until after the FY25 budget is complete. Auditor Fink will draft two appropriation resolutions for the Board to make a final decision next week.

Board then discussed lease agreements for the County Farm and Transfer Station pasture. They discussed offering a 5-year lease instead of a 3-year lease, which has been typical in the past. Dickson will discuss questions with the County Attorney regarding cost sharing on lime, and penalties for failure to pay the lease on time.

The board then held the 2nd Tier Canvass for Panorama Director District 1, Panorama Director District 3 and Coon Rapids-Bayard School Board. Winners from the 1st Tier Canvass remained the same, but total votes were adjusted after combining votes from outlying counties.

Board discussed Department Head evaluations, and preparing for the FY25 budget.

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 28, 2023. Motion by Kuster second by Smith. All ayes.

Brian Johnson, Chair
Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

Attest: Dani Fink
Guthrie County Auditor