

Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

Regular Session

December 27, 2023

The Guthrie County Board of Supervisors met this 27th day of December, 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 amended minutes from December 19, 2023, claims from December 13, 2023 through December 27, 2023 in the amount of \$661,091.17 and payroll change notice for Jenny Jessen, social worker, in the amount of \$24.84/hr. Motion to approve the consent agenda as amended by Smith, second by Dickson. All ayes.

No public comments were received.

The Board opened sealed bids for the Transfer Station Pasture Lease. Seven sealed bids were received as detailed below.

Brent Egger - \$85/acre  
Kevin Westergaard - \$126/acre  
Ben Smith - \$130/acre  
Cole Sackett - \$115/acre  
Richard Sheeder \$125/acre  
Kelly Kopaska - \$140/acre  
John Knobbe - \$115/acre

Motion to award Transfer Station Pasture lease to Kelly Kopaska for \$140/acre by Dickson second by Smith. All ayes.

The Board opened sealed bids for the County Farm lease. Five sealed bids were received as detailed below.

Jeff Hafner - \$46,656  
Jake and Paige Anderson - \$54,848.88  
Chris and Sarah Langgaard - \$46,000  
John Knobbe - \$47,520  
Thomas Brothers – Jacob and Tyler Thomas - \$52,423

One unsealed bid was received from Willms Bros Fencing for \$222.29/acre (\$48,014.64). This bid was not considered since it was not sealed.

Motion to award County Farm lease to Jake and Paige Anderson for \$54,848.88 by Smith second by Armstrong. All ayes.

Motion to approve funding agreement between Guthrie County and Iowa DOT for Bridge Repair Project BHOS-C039(99) – 5N-39 by Dickson second by Johnson. All ayes.

Becky Benton, State Street Insurance, joined the meeting to discuss the 2024 ICAP Renewal.

Motion to sign letter of commitment to pay 2024 ICAP premium, total of \$406,044, by January 31, 2024 by Smith second by Dickson. All ayes.

Board discussed annual appointments and motions for the January 2, 2024 meeting.

Board discussed converting the former Sheriff Deputy office into an employee break room. The Sheriff's department still has items in that room, and the Board would like the room cleared out by the end of January. Facilities will then proceed with necessary updates.

Motion to enter into closed session for annual employee evaluation for Brandon Thompson at 10:26 a.m. by Armstrong second by Kuster. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Motion to exit closed session at 11:08 a.m. by Smith second by Armstrong. All ayes.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the Board adjourned at 11:10 a.m. until its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Motion by Kuster second by Smith. All ayes.

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Brian Johnson, Chair  
Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

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Attest: Dani Fink  
Guthrie County Auditor