

Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

Regular Session

February 13, 2024

The Guthrie County Board of Supervisors met this 13th day of February, 2024, 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 February 6, 2024 as amended. Motion to approve the consent agenda by Smith, second by Armstrong. All ayes.

No public comments were received.

Collin Clark and Tyler Carney from the Guthrie County Fair Board expressed their appreciation of past County support, and they look forward to continuing on with the Board of Supervisors. Carney updated on a new sewer system, which has been funded by County ARPA dollars, along with the new show ring.

Lance Levis with the Guthrie County Airport Authority, provided an update on the Airport. A new runway was completed a few years ago, and now the authority is looking to redo the ramp, using funds from a design grant to help fund that project. The cost of the ramp is estimated at \$1.4M, and they would like to relocate the fuel system at the same time, which is about \$300,000. The grant would mean that the federal government would cover 90% of the costs, and the authority have to foot 10% of the remaining bill. The grant for the fuel system is to replace exactly what is currently there.

Jotham Arber, Health Services Director, updated the Board on current happenings with Public Health, Environmental Health and the Transfer station.

Brad Halterman, Conservation Director, presented minutes from the December 13, 2023 Conservation Board meeting. Halterman then asked the Board for support for a Grow Greene County Grant. This grant would help the rehabilitation construction of the Raccoon River Valley Trail (RRVT) from Yale to Winkleman Switch in Greene County. Motion made by Armstrong second by Smith to approve letter of Support for Grow Greene County Grant. Ayes: 4, Johnson stepped out at the time of the motion and vote.

Josh Sebern, Engineer and Evan Subbert, Assistant to Engineer, joined the meeting to discuss right-of-way costs.

Motion to approve Resolution 24-18: Right-of-Way and Temporary Easement Purchase Rates by Dickson second by Armstrong. Motion carried on a roll call vote; all ayes.

Motion to approve Resolution 24-19: Rate of Compensation for Fence by Dickson second by Smith. Motion carried on a roll call vote; all ayes.

Board discussed an invoice from Precision Arc Welding, and agreed that the invoice should be paid from the Sheriff's budget.

Board discussed strategic planning, and working with Chris Whitaker with Region XII to assist in the process.

Supervisors updated on various meetings they had in the last week.

Brenda Campbell, Guthrie County Treasurer, asked for assignment of county held tax sale for parcel 0001060900 in the amount of \$233 to Russell Gardner, motion by Johnson second by Armstrong. All ayes.

Board received a letter from Norma Stetzel stating that she would like to donate a 0.69-acre parcel of farmland in Valley Township. The Board will have Sebern follow up on this.

Dickson provided an update from the annual IGHCP health insurance meeting. The county plan will be changing from Blue Choice to Blue Point of Service. Insured's will have to designate a Primary Care Physician (PCP), and if they use their PCP their copay for that visit will be \$15 instead of the typical \$20.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the Board adjourned at 10:52 a.m. until its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2024. Motion by Johnson second by Smith. All ayes.

J.D. Kuster, Chair
Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

Attest: Dani Fink
Guthrie County Auditor