

Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

Regular Session

March 7, 2024

The Guthrie County Board of Supervisors met this 7th day of March, 2024, in a 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 consent agenda, which included a liquor license for The Port, by Armstrong second by Johnson. All ayes

No public comments were received.

Nicki Carrick, Assessor, explained to the Board that the designation of the Examining Board is to review, interview and recommend candidates for Assessor, should that position ever become vacant.

J.D. Kuster recommended to appoint Clifford Carney to the Examining Board, Johnson stated at the previous Board meeting that he had spoken with Jim VandeVanter at the previous meeting, and he was willing to serve on the Examining Board.

Motion to appoint Jim VandeVanter by Armstrong second by Johnson. Motion carried: Ayes: 3 Nays: 2 (Dickson, Kuster).

Motion by Dickson second by Smith to approve Region XII funding request for FY25 in the amount of \$27,753.19 in addition to \$0.06 per mile for capital match. All ayes.

Motion to approve Elderbridge funding request for FY25 for \$10,335 by Smith second by Armstrong. All ayes.

Motion to approve Western IA Tourism funding request for FY25 for \$500 by Kuster second by Johnson. All ayes.

Motion to approve Hungry Canyons Alliance funding request for FY25 for \$5000 by Armstrong second by Dickson. All ayes.

Motion to approve Guthrie County Libraries FY25 funding request of \$143,236, which is an 8% increase on the FY24 funding, by Johnson second by Smith, Dickson and Armstrong want to continue to support the libraries, but are not agreeable to an 8% increase this year. Motion failed. Ayes: 2 Nays: 3 (Armstrong, Dickson, Kuster).

Motion to approve a 5% increase to Guthrie County Libraries FY25 funding for a total of \$139,256 by Armstrong second by Dickson, Johnson stated he would go to 6% but not 5%. Motion carried: Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 (Johnson).

Motion to approve FY25 funding of New Opportunities for \$13,672.08 by Kuster second by Dickson, the board is checking with the State Attorney General's office to see if Opioid Settlement Funds can be used to pay New Opportunities. All ayes.

Motion to approve FY25 funding of the Guthrie County Fair Grounds for \$20,000 by Johnson second by Smith. All ayes.

Motion to approve Guthrie County 4-H FY25 funding for \$8,000 by Armstrong second by Dickson. All ayes.

Motion to approve FY25 funding for Midwest Partnership for \$35,127 by Smith second by Johnson. All ayes.

Board discussed FY25 salary increases, and will determine further at the March 12th meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the Board adjourned at 10:13 a.m. until its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. Motion by Johnson second by Smith. All ayes.

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

Attest: Dani Fink
Guthrie County Auditor