

Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

Regular Session

April 16, 2024

The Guthrie County Board of Supervisors met this 16th day of April, 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.

Motion to approve consent agenda by Dickson second by Armstrong. All ayes.

Paul Hutton joined the meeting to state that he does not want his taxes raised, and he does not want to spend another dollar on taxes. The board suggested his concerns would be better heard during the budget hearing.

Mary Merritt from Panora, joined the meeting to present a book to the Board titled “The Doctrine of the Lesser Magistrates” by Matthew J. Trehwella, which Merritt stated is based on the constitution. Johnson stated that he talked to Mary prior to the meeting, and that he does not feel that this has anything to do with Board business, but he appreciates the work her and her husband do.

Board reviewed the Cover letter for the EMS request for proposal.

Motion to approve the EMS Request for Proposal cover letter, with a submission deadline of June 14th by Johnson second by Smith. All ayes.

Board took a brief recess prior to the budget hearing.

Motion to open public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget at 10:04 a.m. by Armstrong second by Dickson. All ayes.

Those present at the hearing were Luann Waldo, Paul Hutton, Mike Underwood, Marcus Mackey, Brad Halterman, Brenda Campbell and Tristen Richard. Those present online were Jo Rasmussen, 96.5 KSOM, Jeremy Cooper, Jamie Lindsay, Jesse Swensen, Joshua Sebern and Brandon Thompson.

Auditor Dani Fink gave the budget presentation. Paul Hutton asked questions regarding increased property tax dollars, and what was affecting that increase when the levies are being lowered. Fink answered that increased property values were driving the increase in property tax dollars.

Motion to close the public hearing at 10:19 a.m. by Smith second by Armstrong. All ayes.

Motion by Dickson second by Armstrong to approve Resolution 24-25: Resolution for the Adoption and Certification of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025 per Iowa Code 331.434(5). Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Motion by Dickson second by Armstrong to table appropriations discussion. All ayes.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the Board adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

until its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. Motion by Dickson second by Armstrong. All ayes.

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

Attest: Dani Fink
Guthrie County Auditor