

Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

Regular Session

July 2, 2024

The Guthrie County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, July 2, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Maggie Armstrong, Mike Dickson, Brian Johnson, Jerome “J.D.” Kuster and Steve Smith.

Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Armstrong to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes from the June 18, 2024 work session, June 25, 2024 and June 28, 2024 board meetings, second by Smith. All ayes.

No public comments were received.

The board discussed the Guthrie County Compensation Board. Due to new SF 2442, Division V, changes were made to the county compensation board system allowing for boards of supervisors in each county to determine whether they want to utilize a compensation board or take on the duties and responsibilities themselves. Effectively, compensation boards are dissolved on July 1, 2024. The board may bring this back to the table later to discuss if they would like to re-establish a compensation board for Guthrie County.

Motion to table any action on a Guthrie County Compensation Board by Johnson second by Armstrong. All ayes.

Jotham Arber joined the meeting to update the board on the Guthrie County First Responders program. This program is a volunteer basis, and they are working with EMA to obtain their old truck to be used as a fly car. Insurance is necessary for the program, and if they sign a 28E agreement with the county then ICAP would cover them under the county umbrella. The funding would come from the first responders program.

Motion by Johnson to have a 28E agreement with the Guthrie County First Responders reviewed by the County Attorney, second by Dickson. All ayes.

Beth Watson, Guthrie County Veteran Affairs Coordinator joined the meeting to provide an update and present her quarterly report through June 2024.

Motion by Armstrong second by Smith to approve the Veteran Affairs Quarterly Report – June 30, 2024. All ayes.

The board then considered EMS coverage districts, and discussed this at length.

Motion by Armstrong to present current map as a starting point for negotiations, second by Johnson. Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 (Dickson).

Motion by Smith to invite decision makers from Panora EMS, Stuart EMS and Adair EMS along with Township representatives from Bear Grove and Jackson Townships to advise on their township wishes, second by Armstrong. Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 (Dickson).

Motion by Smith to base coverage proposal on population and number of calls, second by Johnson. All ayes.

Smith will contact Jackson Township, Kuster will contact Bear Grove Township and Adair EMS, Armstrong will contact Panora EMS, Dickson will contact Stuart EMS, each to join a meeting with the Board on July 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to approve Resolution 25-01: Guthrie County Salaries and Wages Effective July 1, 2024 by Dickson, second by Smith. Motion carried on a roll call vote; All ayes.

Motion to approve Resolution 25-02: Resolution Authorizing the Guthrie County Auditor to Issue Payroll Checks without Prior Approval per Iowa Code Section 331.506 by Armstrong, second by Dickson. Motion carried on a roll call vote; All ayes.

Motion to approve Resolution 25-03: Resolution Authorizing the Periodic Transfer of Funds from the Guthrie County General Supplemental Fund to the Adair/Guthrie County Emergency Management Commission Fund by Armstrong, second by Smith. Motion carried on a roll call vote; All ayes.

Motion to approve Resolution 25-04: Resolution Authorizing the Periodic Transfer of Funds from the Guthrie County Rural Services Fund to the Guthrie County Secondary Roads Fund by Smith, second by Johnson. Motion carried on a roll call vote; All ayes.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:49 a.m. Motion by Johnson second by Smith. All ayes.

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

Attest: Dani Fink
Guthrie County Auditor