

Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

Regular Session

July 30, 2024

The Guthrie County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, July 30, 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 to approve consent agenda, which included minutes from July 23, 2024 and July 25, 2024 by Johnson second by Armstrong. The liquor license for Lucky Wife Wine Slushies was pulled as it is no longer needed.

No public comments were received.

Jason and Andrea Fett joined the meeting to discuss a proposed campground & ATV park in Bear Grove Township. The Fets will submit an application for conditional use to be considered by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the opportunity for adjacent land owners to voice concerns, if any exist.

The board discussed meetings held last week between Wixted and county residents. Smith stated that some questions arose specifically about the amounts that townships are currently levying as part of individual 28E agreements with the City of Panora, and if those agreements would continue should a county levy be approved. Johnson stated that he is seeking an informal opinion from the attorney general's office to verify if the funds generated from the EMS levy can be used to pay an EMS Coordinator, which would be hired by the County. There was then a question from John DeLavernne, Panora EMS Director, on if the RFP's had ever been accepted. He stated that to his knowledge there had never been an official acceptance. Auditor Dani Fink reviewed minutes from June 25, 2024 where a motion was recorded to eliminate Midwest EMS and work with Adair, Stuart and Panora EMS moving forward to develop a viable plan. The board decided to then take action to make an official acceptance to negotiate on each of the remaining entities RFP's.

Motion by Johnson to accept the RFP's received from Stuart, Panora and Adair for EMS services, subject to negotiations, second by Smith. Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 (Dickson).

Board discussed moving forward with negotiations with each service. Dickson stated that they need to put a dollar amount to each service, for them to decide if they are on board or not, that's the feedback he has been getting. Board reviewed percentage totals for each services proposed coverage areas, based on population and call volume. Until an opinion is obtained from the Attorney General, the total amount of dollars being considered as available from the levy is \$680,000, Panora – 70% (\$476,000), Stuart – 23% (\$156,400), Adair – 7% (\$47,600). Smith and Dickson will meet with Stuart, Smith and Armstrong will meet with Panora and Smith and Kuster will meet with Adair.

Motion by Johnson second by Smith to approve public notice to voters on EMS Levy Ballot Measure. Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 (Dickson).

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:02 a.m. Motion by Johnson second by Smith. All ayes.

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

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Attest: Dani Fink  
Guthrie County Auditor