

Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

Regular Session

October 8, 2024

The Guthrie County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, October 8, 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 Johnson second by Smith to approve minutes from October 1, 2024. All ayes.

Public comments were heard from Mark Rosenbeck.

Jotham Arber, Health Services Director, provided an update to the Board.

Board discussed 25% appropriation for the Sheriff’s department for the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget. Dickson questioned jail costs that he believes are not being accounted for. Leora Laughery, Civil Clerk, explained her duties that pertain to out of county inmates. Jesse Swensen, Jail Administrator, stated that he has provided all of the figures he can, but if the Board has guidance on how to calculate further, he is open to discussion. Breanna Mink, Guthrie County resident, stated the voters knew what was needed and knew there would be these expenses for the jail. Dickson wants to know that Guthrie County taxpayer dollars are not being used to house other county inmates.

Motion by Johnson second by Smith to approve an additional 25% appropriation to the Sheriff budget. All ayes.

Smith and Armstrong provided updates on the EMS meetings. Armstrong stated that her and Smith met with Carroll County EMS after hearing comments from Orange Township that they would like to keep Coon Rapids as their servicer. Carroll County is willing to do that.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 9:53 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