

Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

Regular Session

December 10, 2024

The Guthrie County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, December 10, 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. Steve Smith was absent at the start of the meeting.

Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Dickson second by Armstrong to amend agenda to add December 10, 2024 claims and December 6, 2024 payroll. Ayes: 4.

Smith joined the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

Motion by Armstrong second by Dickson to approve consent agenda, which included minutes from November 26, 2024 and December 3, 2024. All ayes.

Motion by Armstrong second by Kuster to approve December 6<sup>th</sup> payroll. Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 (Dickson)

Motion by Smith second by Dickson to approve claims in the amount of \$276,234.97. Armstrong maintained her concern with the Axon Enterprise Inc. claim for \$32,620, based on a liability concern discussed during budget time and the timing of submission of the claim. The tasers were invoiced July 9, 2024 with payment terms of Net 30 days. Ayes: 2 Nays: 3 (Armstrong, Dickson, Kuster).

Motion by Dickson to approve claims, in the amount of \$243,614.97, pulling the Axon claim for tasers. Second by Armstrong. Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 (Johnson)

Public comments were heard from Candice Salvin.

Tim Whipple, counsel with Ahlers and Cooney, joined the meeting to discuss an engagement letter between the Board and Whipple for representation in the matter of hazardous liquid pipeline permits and regulations. Johnson stated he is not in favor of drafting an ordinance at this time, as he would prefer to wait for further court rulings. Dickson stated the point would be to have Whipple review our current ordinance and look for any holes. Johnson stated not engaging with Summit, to keep communication open, would be tragic.

Motion by Dickson to enter into the engagement letter with Tim Whipple for Representation in the Matter of Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Permits and Regulations, second by Armstrong. Armstrong stated that if the motion passes, the Board should have a clear understanding of what they are going to ask Mr. Whipple, and those decisions be made at the Board table as to how far they are going to go. There are baby steps to get started to better understand the existing ordinance, and then move forward from there. Motion carried; ayes: 4 Nays: 1 (Johnson).

Whipple asked for 1 primary point person to send questions through, and so he knows who to take direction from.

Jotham Arber, Health Services Director, joined the meeting to provide a departmental update.

Guthrie County Library Association joined the meeting to provide an update to the Board on happenings over the last year. They are asking for a funding increase of 8%. The county funding for fiscal year 2025 was \$139,256.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:38 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