

Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

Regular Session

January 7, 2025

The Guthrie County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, January 7, 2025. 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 Dickson to pull the payroll change notices (items D-I) from the consent agenda, to be acted on separately.

Motion by Johnson second by Smith to approve consent agenda, which included minutes from January 2, 2025, claims in the amount of \$124,435.60 and January 3, 2025 payroll. Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 (Dickson)

Motion by Johnson second by Dickson to approve payroll change notice for Spencer Irwin, new hire at Secondary Roads for \$28.80. All ayes.

Motion by Johnson second by Smith to approve payroll change notice for Jeremy Bennett, changing him from 85% of the Sheriff's salary to 83%. All ayes.

Motion by Johnson second by Kuster to approve payroll change notice for Todd Thorn, changing him from 83% of the Sheriff's salary to 85%. All ayes.

Motion by Johnson second by Kuster to approve payroll change notice for Kelcee Hodzic, jailer, following her 6-month probationary period, for \$23.85. All ayes.

There were two payroll change notices for the Assistant County Attorney, Charles Abel and County Attorney's Administrative Assistant, Casey Jones. The board asked the reason for the payroll change notices. County Attorney Dana Minter explained there was an increased workload from losing an employee the end of October. Jones has been doing collections work, and she is handling all dockets. Abel has been doing all of his own administrative work on his dockets. Armstrong had reached out to Mike Galloway with Ahlers and Cooney, and she asked that the items be tabled until she hears back from Galloway.

Motion by Dickson second by Smith to table payroll change notice for Abel and Jones until Thursday, pending discussion with Mike Galloway. Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 (Dickson).

Public Comments were heard from Guthrie County ISU Extension. They provided an update to the board on what they do for Guthrie County, and thanked the board for their support of their programs.

Motion by Kuster second by Johnson to appoint Erica Matthies as Cass Township Trustee. All ayes.

Pete Leiferman was appointed to the Zoning Commission at the last meeting, and he would like to term off. Brad Hayes reached out to Armstrong to express interest in taking that appointment.

Motion by Johnson second by Kuster to appoint Brad Hayes to the Zoning Commission. All ayes.

Beth Watson, Veteran Affairs Coordinator, presented her Veteran Affairs Quarterly report.

Josh Sebern, County Engineer, joined the meeting to present a final pay voucher for a resurfacing of F32.

Motion by Kuster second by Johnson to approve final pay voucher for the F32 HMA Resurfacing Project STBG-SWAP-C039(98) – FG-39. All ayes.

Sebern then reviewed a dust control policy for the County.

Jotham Arber, Health Services Director, joined the meeting to discuss the new mental health budget for the current fiscal year, and the need for a budget amendment to start the funding.

Motion by Kuster second by Smith to adopt Resolution 25-12: Resolution Establishing a County Compensation Board. Motion carried on a roll call vote; all ayes.

Motion by Smith second by Johnson to adopt Resolution 25-13: Resolution Appointing Deputy Auditor. Motion carried on a roll call vote; all ayes.

Motion by Dickson second by Smith to table the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Financial Report until Thursday. All ayes.

Jamie Lindsay, Human Resources Coordinator, requested to go into closed session for her annual employee evaluation.

Motion by Dickson second by Kuster to enter into closed session at 10:27 a.m., pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Motion carried on a roll call vote; all ayes.

Motion by Smith second by Dickson to exit closed session at 11:25. a.m. All ayes.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:25 a.m. Motion by Johnson second by Smith. All ayes.

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Maggie Armstrong, Chair  
Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

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Attest: Dani Fink  
Guthrie County Auditor