

Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

Regular Session

March 4, 2025

The Guthrie County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, March 4, 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.

No public comments were heard.

Motion by Dickson second by Smith to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes from February 18th, February 20th, February 25th and February 27th, claims for March 4, 2025 in the amount of \$177,869.66 and payroll for all departments, except Secondary Roads. All ayes.

Dickson asked to separate out Secondary Roads payroll because personal & vacation time is being used to gain overtime and/or comp time, which is allowed per the handbook. Dickson was not in support of it in the handbook either.

Motion by Smith second by Kuster to approve secondary roads department payroll. Smith says if this is something to be examined, that should be done. Armstrong will follow-up with Sebern to have him and Human Resources back in to discuss. Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 (Dickson).

Motion by Kuster second Smith to set proposed property tax hearing for March 25, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. All ayes.

Board held a budget work session. They talked specifically on the request from the county libraries association, and their ask of an 8% increase from FY25. The fiscal year 2025 contribution was \$139,261. Smith suggested a 4-5% increase, Kuster stated he was thinking 5% with Johnson suggesting 5.5% or 6%.

Motion by Dickson second by Kuster to allow a 5% increase to the libraries, which is a total contribution of \$146,225. All ayes.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 9:59 a.m. Motion by Kuster second by Smith. All ayes.

Maggie Armstrong, Chair
Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

Attest: Dani Fink
Guthrie County Auditor