

Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

Regular Session

March 6, 2025

The Guthrie County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Thursday, March 6, 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.

Public comments were heard from Weston Grow.

Jake Anderson, County Farm lease holder, joined the meeting to provide an update on the county farm property. The lime has been applied, and the county should be receiving the bill for that. Anderson also mentioned the fence on the north side needs repaired, which he will hold off on until the fall.

Motion by Smith second by Kuster to identify Dickson as the point person to for communication with the local FSA office. All ayes.

Motion by Smith second by Dickson to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Contract with the Guthrie County Libraries association. The fiscal year 2026 county contribution amount is \$146,225. All ayes.

Motion by Smith second by Johnson to approve Fiscal Year 2026 funding to Region XII Council of Governments for \$26,465.65 plus \$0.06 per mile for capital match. All ayes.

Motion by Johnson second by Kuster to approve Fiscal Year 2026 funding to Midwest partnership in the amount of \$35,127. All ayes.

Motion by Smith second by Johnson to approve Fiscal Year 2026 funding to the Guthrie County Fair in the amount of \$28,000. All ayes.

Motion by Kuster second by Armstrong to approve Fiscal Year 2026 funding to Hungry Canyons Alliance in the amount of \$5,000. All ayes.

Motion by Kuster second by Smith to approve Fiscal Year 2026 funding to New Opportunities in the amount of \$13,672.08. All ayes.

Motion by Johnson second by Kuster to approve Fiscal Year 2026 funding to Western Iowa Tourism for \$500. All ayes.

The board then reviewed a draft surveying permit ordinance. Kylie Lange, Iowa Project Manager with Summit, referenced 479B in the Iowa Utilities Commission, and stated that the ordinance the County is currently reviewing to adopt was taken from Bremer County, which is still an effective ordinance but is not currently being enforced in Bremer County. The board is going to seek assistance from the County Attorney to identify next steps in the ordinance process.

The board was then joined by Tim Whipple, Counsel with Ahlers & Cooney, to discuss his representation of the County in contested case and administrative rule-making matters before the Iowa Utilities Commission, including pending permit proceedings.

Motion by Dickson second by Smith to enter into closed session, per Iowa Code 21.5 1 (c) at 9:53 a.m.  
Motion carried on a roll call vote: Johnson: Aye, Kuster: Aye, Smith: Aye, Dickson: Aye, Armstrong:  
Aye.

Motion by Kuster second by Dickson to exit closed session at 10:53 a.m. All ayes.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:53 a.m. Motion by Kuster second by Dickson.  
All ayes.

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Maggie Armstrong, Chair  
Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

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Attest: Dani Fink  
Guthrie County Auditor