

Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

Regular Session

April 11, 2023

The Guthrie County Board of Supervisors met this 11th day of April, 2023, in regular session in the meeting room at the Guthrie County Courthouse in Guthrie Center, Iowa with the following members present: Maggie Armstrong, Mike Dickson, Brian Johnson, Jerome "J.D." Kuster and Steve Smith.

The meeting came to order at 9:00 a.m.

Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Kuster second by Armstrong to approve consent agenda, minutes from April 11, 2023. Motion carried: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.

Public Comments were heard from Jotham Arber, Health Services Director, regarding a FEMA Preparedness Grant, which would cover the Motorola proposal for dispatch consoles. Levi Johnson, Panora EMS, wanted to touch base on Wagon Rd, their ambulance bounced down the entire road, and they had to take an alternate route as the patient was uncomfortable riding down the road.

Josh Sebern, Guthrie County Engineer, presented the 5-Year County Construction Program and Iowa DOT Secondary Road Department Budget.

Motion by Smith second by Dickson to approve 5 Year County Construction Program. Motion carried: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.

Motion by Kuster second by Amrstrong to approve Iowa DOT Secondary Road Department Budget. Motion carried: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.

Sebern then discussed Resolution 23-24: Support of Local Option Sales Tax (LOST).

Motion by Dickson second by Armstrong to approve Resolution 23-24: Support of Local Option Sales Tax (LOST). Motion carried on a roll call vote: Dickson: Aye, Smith: Aye, Armstrong: Aye, Kuster: Aye, Johnson: Nay.

Sebern presented the grounds mowing contract with Emgarten Mowing.

Motion by Dickson second by Kuster to approve grounds mowing contract with Emgarten Mowing for mowing Area 1 and Area 2. Motion carried: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.

Board discussed dispatch consoles with Motorola, for a 2-position console the cost is \$435,000. A 3-position console is priced at of \$466,000, including \$50,000 for annual maintenance, which is included in the first year.

Motion by Smith second by Johnson to approve Motorola contract with 3 positions using ARPA and Tribal funds for a total of \$466,000 plus annual maintenance. Motion carried: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.

Motion by Armstrong second by Kuster to open public hearing for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Guthrie County Budget at 10:00 am. Motion carried: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.

Present from the public for the hearing, in person and online, were: John Rutledge, Curt Thornberry, Brad Hayes, Mike Underwood, Luann Waldo, Mary Jane Carothers, Clifford Carney, Zane Douglas, Tom Robinson, Dave & Mary, Lisa Grossman.

Auditor Dani Fink presented the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Guthrie County Budget. The only questions were heard from Clifford Carney in regards to fund balances, and revenue to offset debt service.

Motion by Smith second by Johnson to close the public hearing at 10:23 am. Motion carried: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.

Motion by Smith second by Armstrong to set the general basic levy for fiscal year 2023-2024 at 4.00/1000. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Dickson: Aye, Smith: Aye, Armstrong Aye, Kuster: Aye, Johnson: Aye.

Motion by Armstrong second by Johnston to set general supplemental levy for fiscal year 2023-2024 at 1.88901/1000. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Dickson: Aye, Smith: Aye, Armstrong Aye, Kuster: Aye, Johnson: Aye.

Motion by Kuster second by Johnson to set rural services basic levy for fiscal year 2023-2024 at 3.85/1000. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Dickson: Aye, Smith: Aye, Armstrong Aye, Kuster: Aye, Johnson: Aye.

Motion by Kuster second by Armstrong to approve Resolution 23-25: Resolution for the Adoption and Certification of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024 per Iowa Code 331.434(5). Motion carried on a roll call vote: Dickson: Nay, Smith: Aye, Armstrong Aye, Kuster: Aye, Johnson: Aye.

Motion by Kuster second by Dickson to approve Resolution 23-26: Appropriations Resolution for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, appropriating 50% of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Motion carried on a roll call vote: Dickson: Aye, Smith: Aye, Armstrong Aye, Kuster: Aye, Johnson: Aye.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the Board adjourned at 10:47 a.m. until its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. Motion by Kuster second by Smith. Motion carried: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.

Brian Johnson, Chair
Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

Attest: Dani Fink,
Guthrie County Auditor