

Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

Regular Session

June 25, 2024

The Guthrie County Board of Supervisors met this 25th day of June, 2024, 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 Armstrong to approve the following items on the consent agenda, minutes from June 18, 2024, June 21, 2024 Payroll Reports, fireworks permit for Weston Grow – Rural Guthrie Center and a payroll change notice for Kelcee Hodzic (\$23/hr.), the approval excluded claims to be reviewed and approved separately, second by Dickson. All ayes.

Motion by Armstrong second by Smith to approve claims from June 12, 2024 through June 25, 2024 in the amount of \$413,875.90. Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 (Dickson).

No public comments were received.

Eileen Wixted, Wixted & Co. joined the meeting to discuss a communication proposal submitted by Wixted & Co, for the EMS ballot measure.

Motion by Smith to hire Wixted & Co. as the county’s communication agent, second by Johnson. All ayes.

Jotham Arber, Health Services Director, joined the meeting to discuss the transfer station and how it would be affected should a natural disaster occur in Guthrie County. Specifically, what debris clean up would look like. Arber would like a blessing from the Board to create a plan for the DNR so that the County is prepared. The board was in agreement.

Arber and Kent Irwin, presented EMS coverage maps from the EMS RFPs opened at last Tuesday’s meeting. Proposals were received from Adair, Stuart, Panora and Midwest EMS. The coverage areas proposed from each entity is as follows, along with their proposed subsidy: Adair – 18.5% for \$150,000, Stuart – 83.5% for \$500,000, Panora – 66.5% for \$625,000 and Midwest EMS – 100% for \$1,451,812 - \$2,142,489. The county is currently estimating a total funding amount of \$787,768 which is based off of a \$0.75 levy and the most recent full county taxable value of 1,050,356,945.

Motion by Johnson to eliminate Midwest EMS, and work with Adair, Stuart and Panora EMS moving forward to develop a viable plan, second by Armstrong. All ayes.

Board will conduct a work session to develop a counter proposal on Friday at 1:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:43 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