

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

August 3, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench, Jim Petersen, Larry Laughery, and Jerry Caraher.

Minutes of July 27 & 29 were read and approved.

Ted Ely, Mary Ellen Perkins, and Becky Carrico were present to discuss the involuntary committal process. Previously, Bev Wild was being paid by the state to do the job. With state cuts, the funding was discontinued. The person in charge of finding a bed for committals in other counties varies from the county attorney, mental health central point of coordination, or clerk of court. In Guthrie Co, the magistrate has been doing the work of finding a facility that will take the patient. In many counties, the hospitals have space and will take the patient. Ely wants the Board's input on solving the problem of who is to take responsibility for finding a facility. He will contact the hospital to see if they are interested.

Kris Katzmann met with the Board to discuss the purchase of road graders. Present were Ed Tierney, Gery Haag, and Joe Reardon. Katzmann showed estimates as follows:

	<u>Life Expect</u>	<u>Trade in value</u>	<u>Initial Cost</u>	<u>Maintance per year</u>	<u>Ave yearly cost</u>
Cat	14	\$52,581	\$175,270	\$8000	\$16,763
JD	12	\$32,875	\$131,500	\$10000	\$18,218
Case	10	\$26,973	\$134,864	\$12000	\$22,789

Katzmann stated this figures do not include the cost of the time when the machine is down. He feels the Case is experimental and he does not want it. Currently the filters and blades have to be special ordered at an additional cost. Bench stated he has been disappointed with the performance of the John Deere and the county needs to look at the overall cost of running the equipment. Bench moved, seconded by Laughery to buy the Cat. Roll call vote: Caraher, Bench, Laughery – Aye. Wirt, Petersen – Nay.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

August 5, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench, Jim Petersen, Larry Laughery, and Jerry Caraher.

Leanne Streigal gave the Board an update on the court schedule. The case management grant calls for a 25% match. For Guthrie co that will be approximately \$1500. Streigal was planning to use forfeiture and general fund dollars.

Kris Katzmann informed the Board the rain created some spots that need to be filled in on P-28.

Bench moved, seconded by Caraher to approve hiring Jenna Jensen for the public health nurse department. Laughery, Bench, Wirt, Caraher – aye. Petersen – Nay.

The Board approved allowing Ted Ely to give the mental health advocate his old computer.

The mental health advocate claim was approved.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

August 10, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench, Jim Petersen, Larry Laughery, and Jerry Caraher.

Minutes of August 3 & 5 were read and approved.

Moved by Bench, seconded by Laughery to approve a longevity payraise for Ed Willrich effective 8/12/04 to \$13.01 per hour and for Dan Readinger effective 9/3/04 to \$12.73 per hour. All ayes.

Moved by Caraher, seconded by Bench to approve an annual pay increase for Kris Katzmann effective 8/5/04 to \$67200. All ayes.

The recorder's quarterly report was approved.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

August 12, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench, Jim Petersen, Larry Laughery, and Jerry Caraher.

Petersen moved, seconded by Laughery to approve resolution #05-03 approving the Guthrie County transfer station closure fund. All ayes.

Kris Katzman informed the Board he had to put a 3 ton weight limit on the bridge in North Beaver.

Bridge project #CO39(44)—8J-39 bids were reviewed:

Cunningham-Reis	\$202,473.80
Murphy	\$221,355.05
Herberger	\$221,763.18
Goodersen-Smith	\$226,154.14
Dixon	\$248,672.95
United Contractors	\$261,659.95

Moved by Bench, seconded by Laughery to award the contract to Cunningham-Reis. All ayes.

Joe Hanner & Brad Halterman presented the Conservation minutes of July 14 and the annual report. Moved by Petersen, seconded by Laughery to approve the annual report for the period July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004. All ayes.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

August 17, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Kevin Wirt, Jim Petersen, and Jerry Caraher.

Petersen moved, seconded by Caraher to approve the LRTF grant for the roadside management purchase of seed in the amount of \$3600. All ayes.

Minutes of August 10 & 12 were read and approved.

Ray Forshythe from Midwest Partners informed the Board the bylaws for the organization have been changed allowing a Board of Supervisor to be on the economic development organization board. Tall Corn Ethanol is applying for enterprise zone benefits and a meeting of the commission needs to be held. A 20 million dollar addition is planned that will create 10 new jobs. Under the enterprise zone benefits, Tall Corn can receive investment tax credit, R&D credit, and sales tax refund on the state's portion of tax collected.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

August 19, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Kevin Wirt, Jim Petersen, Lonnie Bench, and Larry Laughery.

Leanne Streigal informed the Board a Case Management meeting will be held on 8/17 to work on setting up the computerized system. She is working on the Genuity Utilities bankruptcy case.

Moved by Laughery, seconded by Petersen to approve resolution #05-03 implementing a county enforcement surcharge pursuant to Iowa Code S 911.4 in the amount of \$5. Roll call vote: All ayes.

Kris Katzman presented FEMA calculations showing a grand total of \$576,333. The county will get an estimated \$489,883. He is going to rent an excavator & cement breaker for the Juniper project for \$3300 a week instead of buying a new machine. He is talking with McAlister regarding crushing and buying rock.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

August 24, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Kevin Wirt, Jim Petersen, Lonnie Bench, Jerry Caraher and Larry Laughery.

LeAnne Striegall updated the Board on the court case load.

Mike McAlister and Kris Katzmann met with the Board to discuss the gravel contract. McAlister is crushing rock and will sell it to the county for \$3.35 per ton. Different forms of payment were discussed with each accruing 6% interest. Katzmann recommended paying the \$335,000 upfront. Caraher moved, seconded by Bench to approve paying for 40,000 tons upfront and the remaining each month starting September 30 as the gravel is crushed. All ayes.

Roger Baird informed the Board he would like a canine unit for the sheriff's office. Program costs are estimated at \$7000-\$11,000. Baird informed the Board there will be no cost to the county for the program. Doug Frels has volunteered to vet the dog for free. Local banks have offered to sponsor the program and Baird is asking city councils and grocery stores to donate to the feeding and care of the dog. Todd Thorn will be the handler.

Ray Forsythe informed the Board Fagan Management would like to build an ethanol plant in the Stuart Agri Business Park. It will be a 50 million gallon facility operated by coal. The company would like a 20 year tax abatement and a 5 million dollar loan from the county. Commitments have been made with the Interstate railroad line and an option to buy has been placed on the land. The plant will employ 32 people with an average wage of \$16.55 per hour. Katzmann estimated the cost to pave Utopia and put in turning lanes on White Pole Road at \$500,000. Forsythe stated he could apply for a competitive grant for RISE and the RAIL RISE.

Moved by Petersen, seconded by Laughery to approve a fireworks permit for Cindy Johnson on Sept. 4 at 4759 Panorama Drive. All ayes.

Janelle Stringham updated the Board on the hospice proposal. November 1 is the goal for the starting date to hire a part time social worker and volunteer coordinator. Laughery moved, seconded by Bench to allow the Guthrie County public health nursing service to start a hospice. All ayes.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

August 26, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Jerry Caraher, and Larry Laughery.

Moved by Laughery, seconded by Caraher to sign a contract with Cunningham Reis for BROS-CO(44)—8J-39, 280th Street in Beaver township. All ayes.

Katzmann would like to join the Hungry Canyon Alliance for \$2500 a year. The Alliance works with the Golden Hills RC& D board to provide funding for projects.

Ted Ely and Becky Carrico met with the Board to discuss the placement of mental health committals. Ely has spoken with the hospital and they are willing to take on some of the responsibility.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

August 31, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench, Jerry Caraher, and Larry Laughery.

Minutes of August 24 & 26 were read and approved.
Claims in the amount of \$389,846.03 were allowed.

Kris Katzmann presented an estimate for the paving of the county line road west of Stuart at \$2,182,000. An additional \$500,000 is needed to pave Utopia Ave.

Caraher moved, seconded by Laughery to approve revision #1 to secondary road department personnel policy stating the office staff will be allotted the same rights and responsibilities as outlined in the current union contract with the following exceptions:

1. Grievance Procedure and Arbitration
2. Insurance
3. Job Classification and Hourly Wage Rates
4. Dues check off and indemnification

The Non-Bargaining unit Secondary Road department personnel will be awarded the same insurance and annual pay raise as awarded to the courthouse employees, excluding elected officials and staff by the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors. Any employee operating county equipment and/or vehicle while legally under the influence of drugs or alcohol, whether on duty or off duty will be immediately discharged. Change A level 1 offence: 2nd and 3rd violation from "after department head knowledge" to "after the department head completes an investigation. All ayes.

Petersen moved, seconded by Laughery to sign a letter of support to join the Hungry Canyon Alliance. All ayes.

Laughery moved, seconded by Caraher to sign 28 E agreements with the towns of Menlo, Casey, Yale, Jamaica, and Bagley for farm to market extension. Guthrie County will take care of the main portion of the highways going through the towns. All ayes.

A letter from the DOT regarding the request to prohibit Murphy Contracting from bidding on projects was reviewed. Katzmann recommended tabling the payment to Murphy until a meeting with DOT and Murphy has been held. Moved by Caraher, seconded by Bench to table. All ayes.

Nonpartisan names on the general election ballot were drawn for placement on the ballot as follows:

County Hospital trustee	County Ag Extension
Jean Densmore	Laroyce Kress
Chris Schafer	Patti McAndrews
Douglas J. Hemphill	Marvin Smith
Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioner	Jann Smith
Bob Christensen	
David Deardorff	
Jack Stringer	

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Vice Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

September 7, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Lonnie Bench, Jerry Caraher, and Larry Laughery.

Steve Patterson informed the Board the transfer station expenses have been high due to shingling of roofs caused by the hail storm damage in the area.

Kris Katzmann updated the Board on secondary road issues.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Vice Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

September 9, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Lonnie Bench, Jerry Caraher, and Larry Laughery.

Kris Katzmann updated the Board on secondary road issues.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Vice Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

September 14, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Lonnie Bench, Jerry Caraher, and Larry Laughery.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00.

Moved by Laughery, seconded by Caraher to appoint Lonnie Bench as temporary Chairman. All ayes.

Present were Duane Murphy and Dennis Davis from Murphy Contracting. Ed Kasper set in on the meeting. Kris Katzmann started the meeting stating the working days could not be agreed upon with Murphy. Murphy stated he was concerned with the issue of disqualification from the DOT bid list put in place by Katzmann. Discussion centered around the weather conditions on the working days. Murphy informed the Board he felt that the inspector Mike Peary charged a working day no matter what the weather conditions. He stated he had difficulty with getting the subcontractor to the site to do the paving and is taking up that issue with the subcontractor for partial repayment of days not worked. Inspector Peary had informed Wicks, the subcontractor, unless it was 40 and rising, not to pave. Murphy thought they could have paved using some heat to keep the area warm. The difference of the working days was 16 vs 27. It was agreed upon to split the difference. Murphy asked for an apology from Katzmann for the email send out stating he felt his reputation was damaged with other counties. Katzmann stated he was wrong with the initial email and apologized. Caraher moved, seconded by Laughery to reinstate Murphy Construction to the bidding list. All ayes.

Katzmann updated the Board that he has 3 job opening positions, a floater equipment operator, equipment operator, and a truck driver. He is recommending Ray Love for the truck driver position, Chad Redfern for the floater, and Tony Wagers for the equipment operator.

Jim Petersen came at 9:00.

CW Thomas & Don Walters informed the Board they would like to move the community building at the fairgrounds to higher elevation. They have 2 bids to move and pour the concrete for a total of \$15-18,000. Roy Sargent has bid replacing the drywall up 3-4 feet on the wall for \$18,000. A new lateral field will have to be installed. Thomas would like to move the entire fairground to the west. He feels approximately 4 feet of field dirt is needed to fill the race track, and would like the counties help in surveying and hauling the dirt. The consensus of the Board was to have the engineer survey the ground for the fair board. Grants are being pursued to finish the amphitheater.

Minutes of August 31, Sept 2, 7 & 9 were read and approved.
Claims in the amount of \$266,837.88 were approved.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

September 16, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Lonnie Bench, Kevin Wirt, and Larry Laughery.

Lonnie Bench moved, seconded by Larry Laughery to amend the personnel policy to include the changes made on July 1, 2003 for the health insurance as follows:

Early Retirement

1. Length of Service/Classification of Service: Upon reaching the age of 60 and either having been employed by Guthrie County for 10 Continuous years as a full-time employee or is an elected official of the County. These plan participants will remain eligible on this plan until reaching the age of 65 and will be responsible for paying 100% of the current cost of single coverage or 100% of the current cost of family coverage depending on the type of coverage the employee elects.
2. Benefits: If the employee elects coverage, the employee shall pay 100% of the current cost of single coverage or 100% of the current cost of family coverage depending on the type of coverage the employee has elected, until said employee reached the age of 65. When an employee or elected official reaches the age of 65, the employee/elected official and his or her family will no longer be eligible to participate in the plan.
3. All current retirees who are covered under the early retirement policy prior to July 1, 2003 shall be grandfathered into the previous early retirement policy.

Retirees Over 65

Delete: Retirees over 65 section

Kris Katzmann informed the Board he would like to purchase tree shear for the excavator at an estimated cost of \$25,000.

The Mental health advocate claim was approved.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

September 21, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Lonnie Bench, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Jim Petersen, and Larry Laughery.

Minutes of September 14 & 16 were read and approved.

Petersen moved, seconded by Laughery to approve a longevity pay raise for Nick Chance to \$12.82 per hour effective 9/28/04 and Randy Sheeder to \$13.10 per hour effective 10/1/04. All ayes.

Katzmann presented pictures of a tree shear estimated at \$25-27,000 and a snow blower estimated at \$5000 that he would like to purchase.

Craig Estep from Iowa Mutual Aid Compact presented a presentation on Homeland Security. Present were Janelle Stringham, Gene Pohl and George Olm. The Iowa Mutual Aid Compact would like Guthrie County to approve a mutual aid agreement with the state in case of a disaster.

George Olm asked the Board to assist the City of Yale in the filling of sand in the hole from tearing down buildings in Yale. Caraher moved, seconded by Bench to assist the City of Yale with their building project by giving them \$3000 out of the economic development budget line item. Roll call vote: Wirt, Petersen, Bench, Caraher – aye.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

September 23, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Lonnie Bench, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Jim Petersen, and Larry Laughery.

Roger Baird asked the Board to hire Alex Dinkla on a part time basis as deputy sheriff at the rate of \$10 per hour. Moved by Laughery, seconded by Caraher. All ayes.

LeAnn Striegel presented the case load for the district court.

Kris Katzmann presented resolution #05-04 in support of a method of Secondary Road and Farm to market Road use tax allocation as proposed by the secondary road fund distribution advisory committee per Section 312.3C of the Code of Iowa. Moved by Bench, seconded by Caraher to approve the resolution. Roll call vote: All ayes.

Petersen moved, seconded by Laughery to approve the final plans for L-SE-261-05 culvert replacement project. All ayes.

Katzmann presented bids for a tree shear from Midland: 20' \$26,000 and 18' \$24,423
The Consensus of the Board was to purchase one. Katzmann is going to look at a spraying module to go on it.

The Engineer gave the Board a report showing the condition of the bridges in the county.

Ted Ely, Bev Harlan, and Linda Conrad introduced Angie Crowder as the new case manager for Guthrie County. Harlan updated the Board on the progress of working with Country View Estates to get waiver approved for mental retarded residents. Once CVE is approved Guthrie County will only have to pay 37% of the cost with the remaining balance being paid by the federal government. Work services can be covered under the waiver program as well.

Jim Finn, president of the Bayard Betterment Foundation, asked the Board if the wall can be fixed to be presentable on the ground the county owns in Bayard. The property was put into the county's name by the treasurer last fall and now the committee would like the county to fix the property up. Finn is going to look into the cost of different alternatives to fixing the wall so the birds do not nest in it.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

September 28, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Lonnie Bench, Kevin Wirt, Jim Petersen, and Larry Laughery.

Minutes of September 21 & 23 were read and approved.

Kris Katzmann informed the Board he would like to buy a trailer to haul a skid steer and pipe.

Petersen moved, seconded by Bench to approve payroll classification status changes for Tony Wagers effective 9/28/04 to \$12.74 per hour and for Chad Redfern effective 9/28/04 to \$12.74 per hour. All ayes.

Laughery moved, seconded by Petersen to approve plans for the RCB located in Orange Township, project #L-OR367-05. All ayes.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

September 30, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Lonnie Bench, Jerry Caraher, Jim Petersen, and Larry Laughery.

The SILO election votes were canvassed and remain the same.

Bench moved, seconded by Laughery to accept plans for bridge replacement of project #L-SE277-05 located in Seely Township. All ayes.

John Cramer & Doyle Beeber, representing the Democrat and Republican Central Committees presented a bi-partisan proposal for changing polling places in Guthrie County. A petition signed by registered voters asking for the change to save taxpayers money was presented to the Board. The petition asked for the precincts to change from 18 to 10. Auditor Dickson was not present for the meeting. Laughery stated he would like the Auditor to compile the numbers for the cost of each new machine and the potential savings from combining the polling places.

Claims in the amount of \$328,858.67 were allowed.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

October 5, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Lonnie Bench, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Jim Petersen, and Larry Laughery.

Minutes of September 28 & 30 were read and approved.

Steve Patterson updated the Board on burning laws in incorporated areas.

Petersen moved, seconded by Laughery to approve resolution #05-05 establishing a temporary speed limit of 35 mph on Soldier Trail adjacent to the city of Panorama. All ayes.

The final pay voucher for Murphy Construction was approved.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

October 7, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Lonnie Bench, Jerry Caraher, Jim Petersen, and Larry Laughery.

Kris Katzmann informed the Board a safety meeting will be held for the secondary road department on Friday Oct.8.

Laughery moved, seconded by Bench to approve resolution #05-06, adopting the Statewide Mutual Aid Compact. All ayes.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

October 12, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Lonnie Bench, Jerry Caraher, Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, and Larry Laughery.

The October 5 & 7 minutes were read and approved.

Bench moved, seconded by Petersen to set October 28 at 9:30 in the Board room for the time and place for the public hearing vacating a road in Beaver township, section 9 and in Jackson township, section 5. All ayes.

Petersen moved, seconded by Bench to approve a longevity pay raise for Rick Kness to \$12.82 per hour effective 10/19/04 and for Joe Herron to \$13.26 to correct his rate effective 11/03/03. All ayes.

Jim Petersen moved, seconded by Lonnie Bench to approve plans for an RCB on Sage trail, project #L-CA229B-05. All ayes.

The Sheriff's quarterly report for April 1-June 30 and for the month of April was approved.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

October 14, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Lonnie Bench, Jerry Caraher, Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, and Larry Laughery.

Kris Katzman presented a contract with Grimes Asphalt for patching of P28 in the amount of \$56,244.

Joe Hanner presented minutes of the September 8 Conservation Board meeting.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

October 19, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Lonnie Bench, Jerry Caraher, Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, and Larry Laughery.

Leanne Striegel updated the Board on the Case Management Project. The grant will pay for 75% of the cost with the remaining 25% coming from the counties. Guthrie County's share will be approximately \$1500. Licensing will be \$364 per year. The system will keep track of dates for cases due; Uniform forms and documents will be accessed for the entire judicial district.

Laughery moved, seconded by Caraher to join the Iowa County Attorney's Case Management project. All ayes.

Striegel will be out on medical leave for two weeks. The AG's office and Mary Benton will handle the work load.

Kris Katzmann updated the Board on pavement patching projects within Guthrie County.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

October 21, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Lonnie Bench, Jerry Caraher, Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, and Larry Laughery.

Minutes of October 12 & 14 were read and approved.

Caraher informed the Board Jamaica would like \$3000 to fix their water system and Bagley would like \$3000 for new playground equipment in the park. Petersen stated he would like someone from each community to present the request instead of Caraher. Caraher stated the community leaders in each community work during the day and can not come and have requested him to bring it to the Board. Petersen replied he would like something in writing from them then. Caraher is going to ask for a letter from the Mayors. Caraher moved, seconded by Laughery to table the decision until Tuesday's agenda when a letter of support from the Mayors and/or Councils can be obtained. All ayes.

Katzman informed the Board sealed bids will be taken for the motor graders and excavators until November 8. Gus Construction will be patching pavement on N-70 for \$63,000.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

October 26, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Lonnie Bench, Jerry Caraher, Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, and Larry Laughery.

Doris Gibson & Wade Slater met to discuss the poor condition of the fence between their farm and the gravel pit. Laughery stated the county needs to buy ground from her to reclaim the gravel pit before it can be sold, so something will be worked out on the fence at that time.

Applicants for secondary road positions were reviewed. Katzmann wants permission to hire 3 new employees, and the consensus of the Board was to go ahead.

Letters requesting \$3000 from Bagley, Jamaica & Bayard for economic development were reviewed. Bagley and Jamaica were on the agenda. Caraher moved, seconded by Laughery to approve \$3000 for Bagley and Jamaica and put Bayard on the agenda for Thursday. All ayes.

John Teale, managing partner of Midland GIS Solutions, and Matt Sorenson, GIS Coordinator demonstrated their GIS system.

Pat Moylan was present to ask for a waiver of the subdivision laws for Lot 1 NE NW fractional, Lot 1 NW NW ex the cemetery in South Cass Township. Moved by Laughery, seconded by Petersen to approve the waiver. All ayes.

Petersen moved, seconded by Laughery to appoint Ken Vanlandingham as acting EMS director. All ayes.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

October 28, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Lonnie Bench, Jerry Caraher, Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, and Larry Laughery.

Caraher moved, seconded by Petersen to approve the request of \$3000 from the City of Bayard to be used for their new water project. All ayes.

Katzmann informed the Board the public hearing on the ground vacating the excess road right a way in Jackson Township could not be held due to a clerical error in the engineer's office.

Laughery moved, seconded by Caraher to open the public hearing to vacate road in the SE1/4 of 9-78-31. All ayes. No one from the public was present. Petersen moved, seconded by Bench to close the public hearing. All ayes. Bench moved, seconded by Laughery to approve resolution #05-08, vacating excess Secondary road right of way located in Lots 1 & 2 of the SE ¼ of 9-78-31 and to waive the second public hearing. Roll call vote: All ayes.

Ted Ely presented the mental health advocate claim for approval.

Kirby Moss from EGS insurance presented the annual renewal for health insurance.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

November 2, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Lonnie Bench, Jerry Caraher, Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, and Larry Laughery.

Elderbridge Agency on Aging was present to give their annual report. Lahoma Counts presented the older Iowan's legislative priorities. Bench moved, seconded by Caraher to increase funding from \$5000 to \$5166. All ayes.

Minutes of October 26 & 28 were read and approved.

Kris Katzmann presented paperwork to hire Ryan Wheatley and John Mylan at the rate of \$10 per hour to work in the secondary road department. All ayes.

Sam Simon asked the Board for permission to quote the health insurance.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Vice Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

November 4, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Lonnie Bench, Jerry Caraher, Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, and Larry Laughery.

Petersen moved, seconded by Bench to approve the Veteran's Commission report. All ayes.

Steve Patterson informed the Board the state health department had money left over last year, therefore they are increasing the amount of the grants to counties by \$6000 per county. Laughery moved, seconded by Petersen to approve the amendment from \$52,520 to \$79,768 for the four county area. All ayes.

Bench moved, seconded by Petersen to approve the auditor's quarterly report for the period ending September 30, 2004. All ayes.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Vice Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

November 9, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Lonnie Bench, Jerry Caraher, Jim Petersen, and Larry Laughery.

Ray Forsthye updated the Board the Fagan Ethanol plant has withdrawn from coming to Guthrie County. An agreement could not be made with the railroad. An option with Biogrowth is being renewed.

Mark Swedlund from Mid Country Machinery was present for the opening of bids for two Cat graders. Kris Katzmann opened the bids as follows:

1992 Cat Grader Model 140 G

LPA \$40,001

MC \$46,200

1989 Cat Model 140 G

LPA \$36,001

MC \$40,200

Moved by Bench, seconded by Caraher to accept the bid from Mid Country. All ayes.

Only one bid for the rubber tire excavator was received: Jean Exavation \$2400. Katzmann recommended to not sell it. Bench moved, seconded by Laughery to reject the bid. All ayes.

Caraher moved, seconded by Laughery to approve a longevity payraise for Steve Eischeid to \$12.78 per hour effective 11/9/04. All ayes.

Caraher moved, seconded by Laughery to approve resolution #05-09 for interfund operating transfers to secondary road:

General Basic \$27,454.21

Rural Services \$159,361.92

All ayes.

Lonnie Bench moved, seconded by Jerry Caraher to approve the TIF debt certification for the Bayard Farmers Coop and the Tall Corn Ethanol Urban renewal areas. All ayes.

Minutes of November 2 & 4 were read and approved.

Roger Baird asked permission to hire a new deputy for the sheriff's office.

Becky Larsen reviewed the County's liability insurance with the Board.

The votes of the 2004 General Election were canvassed and remain the same.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

November 18, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Lonnie Bench, Kevin Wirt, and Larry Laughery.

Carol O'Toole, DHS district manager, informed the Board the office would be changing long distance service to GC Communications. She will be getting bids to replace the copier in the DHS office.

Dan Ehart, Audubon County Engineer updated the Board on F-32. They would like to pave 3 miles inside Audubon County and 1 mile inside Guthrie County. The original concrete will be crushed and utilized for the base and shoulders under the asphalt. Guthrie County's share of the cost will be \$288,485.97. Laughery moved, seconded by Bench to approve the 28E agreement with Audubon County for reconstruction of county highway F-32 and approve the plans for letting the project. All ayes.

Janelle Stringham presented financial reports for the public health nurse department. Laughery moved, seconded by Bench to hire Deborah O'Keeffe as a home care aid effective November 17 at the rate of \$9.50 per hour with a \$.15 increase at 3 months and another increase at 6 months; to allow a pay raise for Jenna Jensen to \$9.50 an hour effective 9/2/04 and to \$9.80 at 1/2/05. All ayes.

Gina Lloyd informed the Board she is the SW Iowa regional trainer for bioterrorism. She is interested in incorporating the EMS position into the extension.

Bench moved, seconded by Laughery to donate \$3000 to the City of Menlo to improve the community building. All ayes.

Jill Christopherson, Ted Ely, and Bev Harlan informed the Board Harlan has accepted another position with DHS and a replacement is being sought for case manager for Guthrie County.

Claims in the amount of \$549,874.58 were allowed.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

November 23, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Lonnie Bench, Jerry Caraher, Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, and Larry Laughery.

Minutes of November 9 & 18 were read and approved.

The Recorder's quarterly report was approved.

Laura Imerman, representing the City of Guthrie Center, asked the Board to consider abating the taxes on Lot 12 ex N 3' of Tracy's Addition. The City wants to petition to take title of the abandoned house and tear it down. There is approximately \$3000 in outstanding taxes on the property, that Guthrie Center would like the Supervisors to consider abating. The Consensus of the Board was they would abate the taxes once Guthrie Center gets it in the city's name.

LeAnn Striegel presented a letter of resignation to the Supervisors. Caraher moved, seconded by Bench to accept the resignation effective November 30. All ayes.

Striegel updated the Board on the treasurer's delinquent taxes with Genuity. It will be up to the treasurer to pursue action to recover the estimated \$30,000 in taxes.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

November 30, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Lonnie Bench, Jerry Caraher, Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, and Larry Laughery.

Ted Ely and Sharon Magee presented the mental health advocate claim for approval.

Kris Katzmann presenting options for union negotiations to the Board.

LeAnne Striegel informed the Board the law was eliminated regarding the two month residency requirement for a new county attorney. The attorney can start immediately. The Board contacted Dallas County to set up a 28E agreement for the county attorney position. Dallas County declined due to lack of manpower.

Claims in the amount of \$298,063.16 were approved.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

December 2, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Lonnie Bench, Kevin Wirt, and Larry Laughery.

LuAnn Waldo & Scott Gonzales were present. Mary Benton informed the Board she would fill in as county attorney on an interm basis at the contract hourly rate of \$50 per hour. She was put on the agenda to discuss continuing the interm position in 2 weeks. Bench moved, seconded by Laughery to approve Mary Benton as acting county attorney at the contract rate of \$50 per hour. All ayes.

Steve Patterson presented November 10 minutes of the sanitary district. He asked permission to close the landfill at 12:00 on Christmas Eve. The Board approved.

Kris Katzmann updated the Board on the status of the bridge in Beaver township.

Laughery moved, seconded by Bench to approve a final pay voucher for BRS-CO39(41)-60-39. All ayes.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson

Kevin Wirt

County Auditor

Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

December 7, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Lonnie Bench, Kevin Wirt, Jim Petersen, and Larry Laughery.

Bench moved, seconded by Petersen to approve resolution #05-09 of intent to sell various parcels of real estate obtained through tax sale procedures and to give notice thereof: that a public hearing is set for 10:00 am on the 21st of December for the sale of the following lots at Diamondhead lake:

Lot 31 Happy Acres plat 1

Lot 112 Happy Acres plat 1

Lot 284 Diamondhead development plat 2B

Lot 165 Diamondhead development 1

Lot 170, Plat 2b

All ayes.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

December 9, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, and Larry Laughery.

The mental health advocate claim was approved.

Ted Ely asked for his mileage to be reimbursed at the average rate of Greene and Audubon County. Laughery moved, seconded by Petersen, due to the sharing of the mental health coordinator position, to increase the mileage rate to the average of Greene and Audubon County. All ayes.

Petersen moved, seconded by Laughery to approve a liquor license for the Lake Panorama Conference Center. All ayes.

The RIZ election was canvassed and remains the same.

The Guthrie County Public Library Association was present to ask for a 4% increase in funding. Carole Hanold updated the Board on the activities of the association.

Kirby Moss presented health insurance quotes.

Sam Simon and Jim Noland presented health insurance quotes.

ATTEST:

Janet Dickson
County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

December 14, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench, and Larry Laughery.

Minutes of December 7 & 9 were read and approved.

Roger Baird presented the board with notice of the new compensation board member. Lonnie Blass was appointed to represent the sheriff's office, due to Red Lowe's resignation.

Kris Katzmann updated the Board on the mechanic position.

Sam Simon, Rod Rumelhart, Nathan Godwin, & Frank Olson, individually presented health insurance quotes.

ATTEST:

Gwen Blass
Deputy County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

December 16, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench, and Larry Laughery.

Mary Benton updated the Board on the status of the Court Case load in the County Attorneys office. They are getting back on schedule without any cases getting dismissed. Mary informed the Board that she would be happy to come back as County Attorney if the Board wished to hire her. The board told her that they needed to go through the application process that had already been advertised before making a decision, to be fair to the public. Mary wanted to act on hiring her today. Kevin told her they would discuss the situation and let her know. After some discussion on problems in the past and the fact that the county needs an Attorney for the upcoming cases, Larry motioned to hire Mary Benton back as full time County Attorney. Kevin seconded the motion. Roll call: Larry - aye

Lonnie – nay

Jerry – nay

Jim – nay

Kevin – aye

Jim felt that if the county has spent the money for advertising and had January 10th for resume deadline, that the Board should follow through with the application process. He felt she should have her name in with the rest of the resumes.

Kris Katzmann was present to update the Board on Secondary Roads.

Roger Baird requested to hire Jeremy Bennett as full time deputy for the Sheriffs office. Jerry motioned, Jim seconded to hire Jeremy Bennett as full time deputy starting January 3, 2005 at 75% of sheriff salary, with a 6 month probation period. All ayes.

Roger inquired about getting budgets worksheets.

Jackie Sloss presented the board with notice of her new compensation board member. She selected Judy Hilgenberg to represent her office due to Dave Ryan's resignation.

The board discussed county health insurance, Jerry motioned, seconded by Lonnie to continue with Auxiant Health Insurance coverage. All ayes.

ATTEST:

Gwen Blass
Deputy County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

December 21, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench, and Larry Laughery.

Steve Patterson requested that Guthrie County enter into the Union Co. 28E Agreement for Emergency Services. Bench motioned, Petersen seconded to enter the agreement. All ayes.

Frank Hermsen from New Hope Village updated the board on several changes taking place at New Hope Village which should decrease the amount of funds needed from the county.

Glenda Edwards reviewed the annual risk management assessment. The county needs to setup annual safety review procedures, and make a few changes regarding safety in the courthouse.

Bench motioned to set Resolution # 05-10 to accept sealed bids on Diamondhead Lake lots until December 28 at 11:00. Petersen seconded. All ayes.

Janet Oberhotz and Gary Randal from Country View Estates updated the board on the per diem status. They have received the approved policies & procedures and are waiting for the approval letter to be able to set the per diem rate; should have it ready by February. County View will setup a meeting to discuss the new lease and rate at that time.

Jill Christopherson from Department of Human Service presented the board with the new lease agreement for the case manager office for the Board's signature.

ATTEST:

Gwen Blass
Deputy County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

December 23, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench, and Larry Laughery.

The board discussed the compensation board recommendations. They were to increase the offices of the Auditor, Treasurer, & Recorder to \$37,500, making them all the same, the Sheriff to \$48,000, the Attorney to \$56,500, and the supervisors to \$20,800.

Minutes from December 14th & 16th were read and approved.

Marcia Kindred asked to purchase a new computer for her office. The quote was for a Dell computer with a 17" monitor at \$858.00 or a 19" monitor at \$943.00. Laughery motioned, seconded by Petersen to purchase the 19" monitor at \$943.00 to come out of the General Fund and the expenses of CMS setting it up coming out of the Treasurers budget. All ayes.

Jim & Kevin informed the board that Bob Kempf was appointed as the new Emergency Management Director.

ATTEST:

Gwen Blass
Deputy County Auditor

Kevin Wirt
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

December 28, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench, and Jerry Caraher.

Minutes of December 21 & 23 were read and approved.

Kris Katzman informed the Board he is having difficulty with the pumps for the calcium chloride on the trucks.

Petersen moved, seconded by Bench to approve the Times & Gazette as the official newspapers.

The mental health advocate claim was approved.

ATTEST:

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

December 30, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench, and Jerry Caraher.

Rick Hunsaker from Region XII and Ray Forsythe from Midwest Development were present to discuss recapitalization of RLF program. Rick explained the need for increased funding due to 2 prospective companies that will be requesting large loans. If both of the loans are approved, it will use most of the RLF's fund balance. Rick explained the need for the local match to be increased to \$25,000, to allow RLF to allocate more loans for economic development. The local match would be able to be spread over 2 fiscal years. The board felt they need to wait until budgets are completed and get feedback from the other counties before making a decision.

Fred Kesten from Region XII met with the board to discuss the Pre-disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan. He is meeting with counties and cities to discuss the current draft of the plan and to make any necessary changes or revisions, and to get the corrected plan approve by the board by December 31st before submitting it to the State. Caraher motioned, seconded by Bench to adopt Resolution #05-11 for the Pre-disaster Mitigation Plan. All ayes.

Kris Katzmann informed the board, he is going to run one truck with straight salt during the next winter storm to see how it compares to the use of sand. He also informed the board that they will not be selling any tubes or planks throughout the year. All items will be sold during the Annual County Auction.

Roger Baird presented the board with his appoint of Todd Thorn to Head Deputy effective January 1st with his salary at 85% of the Sheriffs. Caraher motioned, seconded by Petersen to approve the appointment. All ayes.

Bids were opened for Diamondhead Lake lots. Long Branch Maintenance Corp won the bids at \$5.00 per lot. Bench motioned, seconded by Petersen to accept the bids. All ayes.

ATTEST:

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

January 3, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Larry Laughery, Lonnie Bench, and Jerry Caraher.

Bench moved, seconded by Petersen to appoint Kevin Wirt as Temporary Chairman. All ayes.

Kevin Wirt administered the Oath of Office to John Rutledge as Guthrie County Auditor.

Laughery moved, seconded by Bench to appoint Jim Petersen as Chairman for the year 2005. All ayes.

Wirt moved, seconded by Bench to appoint Larry Laughery as Vice-Chairman for the year 2005. All ayes.

Wirt moved, seconded by Laughery to appoint all the Board of Supervisors over the land at the county farm, courthouse ground, sanitary landfill, and shop for 2005. All ayes.

Laughery moved, seconded by Bench to appoint Darcia Robson as General Relief Director. All ayes.

Caraher moved, seconded by Wirt to allow the County Auditor to pay fixed charges, employee prescription & health insurance prior to the allowance by the Board. All ayes.

Bench moved, seconded by Laughery to allow the County Auditor to purchase supplies for the Courthouse. All ayes.

Caraher moved, seconded by Laughery to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the County Auditor to execute leases and deeds on behalf of Guthrie County for the year 2005. All ayes.

Bench moved, seconded by Laughery to appoint Jim Petersen as supervisor over the Emergency Management Services/Bio Terrorism. All ayes.

Caraher moved, seconded by Laughery to appoint Lonnie Bench to the South Central Youth & Family Services Commission and Jerry Caraher as an alternate. All ayes.

Laughery moved, seconded by Bench to appoint Lonnie Bench, Jerry Caraher, and Kevin Wirt to the Guthrie County Planning Board and to serve on the Guthrie County Public Safety Commission. All ayes.

Caraher moved, seconded by Bench to appoint the county attorney to the Involuntary Hospitalization Board. All ayes.

Caraher moved, seconded by Wirt to appoint Lonnie Bench to serve on the 5th Judicial District Department of Correction Services. All ayes.

Wirt moved, seconded by Bench to appoint the following people to the Region XII Council of Governments for a one year term: Jerry Caraher, Sue Cosner, Denny Kunkle. All ayes.

Laughery made a motion, seconded by Wirt to set the following holidays to be observed by County Employees:

<u>Holidays</u>	
Veterans Day Friday, November 11, 2005	Thanksgiving Day & Day after Thursday, Nov. 24, 2005 Friday, Nov. 25, 2005
Memorial Day Monday, May 30, 2005	Christmas Eve & Christmas Friday, December 23, 2005 Monday, December 26, 2005
Independence Day Monday, July 4, 2005	
Labor Day Monday, Sept. 5, 2005	New Year Day Monday, January 2, 2006

The courthouse will be open on President's Day. Each employee will be allowed an extra personal day to be used as a floating holiday. The courthouse will close at 3:30 on the last day of the fiscal year, June 30, 2005 to close out the books. All ayes.

Caraher moved, seconded by Laughery to appoint Jim Petersen to the Community Opportunities, Inc. All ayes.

Laughery moved, seconded by Bench to appoint Ken Vanlandingham to the South Central Regional 911 Board. All ayes.

Bench moved, seconded by Caraher to set Tuesdays & Thursdays commencing at 9:00 for Board meetings. All ayes.

Caraher moved, seconded by Wirt to appoint Karen Burchfield to the Region XII Housing Board. All ayes.

Laughery moved, seconded by Caraher to pass the following resolution #04-16:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Guthrie County, Iowa that Kris Katzmann P.E., Guthrie County, Iowa, is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of said County to execute the certification of completion of work and final acceptance thereof in accordance with plans and specifications therefore in connection with all farm to market construction projects. Roll call vote: All ayes.

Bench moved, seconded by Laughery to appoint Jerry Caraher to the TEA-21 Board. All ayes.

Caraher moved, seconded by Bench to appoint Kevin Wirt to represent Guthrie County at the Mental Health Centers in Adel, Clarinda & Cherokee, Iowa, and Larry Laughery to serve as an alternate, and

to appoint Janet Oberhotz and Kim Myers to the West Central Mental Health Board. All ayes.

Wirt moved, seconded by Bench to appoint Larry Laughery to the Board of Health with Jerry Caraher as alternate for a 1-year term and Judy Hilgenberg for a 3 year term ending 12/31/07. All ayes.

Laughery moved, seconded by Caraher to appoint Brad Halterman and Alan Warner to the Weed Commission.

Laughery moved, seconded by Caraher to approve the resolution #04-17 appointing the following members to serve on a compensation commission in imminent domain proceedings:

Resolution

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provision set out in section #6B.4 of the Code of Iowa the Board of Supervisors shall annually appoint not less than twenty-eight residents of the county and the names of such persons shall be placed on a list and they shall be eligible to serve as members of a compensation commission in Eminent Domain proceedings, now BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the following names of residents be and hereby are appointed:

Rural Property Owners

Ron Hoyt
Ron Gustoff
Bob Rumble
Roland Betts
Robert Dickson
Howard Gilman
Keith Wirt
Marvin Finnegan
Dean Whitehead
Bob Brummer

Bagley
Bayard
Casey
GC
Menlo
Menlo
Panora
GC
Panora
GC

City Property Owners

Alan Mallory
Myrna Whetstone
John Phillips
Ernest Little
Larry Jacobson
Terry Kemble
Jim Steburg
Scott Frederickson
Jim Beck
Sam Steensen

Stuart
Casey
GC
Menlo
Menlo
Panora
Yale
Yale
GC
GC

**Licensed Real Estate
Broker**

Douglas Hemphill
Del Wedemeyer
Larry Schwenk
Pat Moylan
Larry Squires
Joyce Hick
Regina Lloyd
Lyle Hansen
Barb Thorsheim

Yale
GC
Coon Rapids
Panora
Panora
Stuart
GC
GC
Panora

**Knowledge of Property
Values by Virtue of
Occupation**

David Ryan
Jerry Hagan
James Belden
Jim Laughery
Gladys Willey
Roger Underwood
Barry Monaghan
Dennis Flanery

Panora
Bayard
Stuart
GC
Yale
GC
GC
GC

All Ayes.

Laughery moved, seconded by Caraher to appoint Jim Petersen for a 1-year term to the M&M, R, C&D Board. All ayes.

Bench moved, seconded by Wirt to appoint Jerry Caraher to New View Alcoholism and Drug Treatment Unit and Kevin Wirt to serve as alternate.

Caraher moved, seconded by Laughery to appoint Mike Rees to the Guthrie County Conservation Board for a five-year term. All ayes.

Wirt moved, seconded by Laughery to appoint Jerry Caraher to the Decatorization Governance Board. All ayes.

Laughery moved, seconded by Bench to appoint Joyce Yates to the zoning board of adjustment and Jim Arganbright to the zoning commission for a 5-year terms ending December 31, 2009. All ayes.

Wirt moved, seconded by Caraher to approve the utilities as certified by the Iowa Department of Revenue and authorize the County Auditor to spread them to the appropriate taxing districts. All ayes.

Caraher moved, seconded by Bench to appoint Christine Jorgensen to the Guthrie County Tourism Board. All ayes.

Caraher moved, seconded by Laughery to appoint Ray Forsythe to the Enterprise Zoning Board.

Laughery moved, seconded by Bench to appoint Drs. Steve Bascom and Dr. David Ahrens as medical examiners.

The list of calendar year salaries on the following page was approved.

Salaries Paid January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Allen, Ron	\$ 27,564.37	Lloyd, Jack	\$ 27,757.95
Arganbright, James	\$ 810.00	Long, Larry	\$ 28,082.23
Arrasmith, Joe	\$ 28,684.76	Love, Raymond	\$ 29,445.34
Badger, Amy	\$ 40,184.05	Ludwig, Sherry	\$ 20,444.72
Badger, Mary	\$ 118.96	Lydon, Paul	\$ 35,999.08
Baird, Roger	\$ 44,636.77	Magee, Sharon	\$ 9,446.25
Beardsley, Donald	\$ 4,581.03	Marsh, Bryann	\$ 16,371.14
Beardsley, Frances	\$ 4,003.75	McCabe, Richard	\$ 28,331.39
Bench, Lonnie	\$ 20,919.58	McAndrews, Patti	\$ 30,442.44
Bennett, Jeremy	\$ 9,825.00	Monroe, Morgan	\$ 325.00
Benton, Mary	\$ 9,098.56	Moon, Nicholas	\$ 475.00
Bielenberg, Brad	\$ 27,337.44	Moon, Tresa	\$ 300.00
Blass, Gwen	\$ 30,430.68	Moore, Robin	\$ 20,797.88
Bonker, Rebecca	\$ 26,686.53	Myers, Kenneth	\$ 900.00
Brooks, Michael	\$ 27,652.17	Mylan, John	\$ 2,220.02
Burgess, Larry	\$ 28,786.22	Noland, Charles	\$ 300.00
Burns, Kenneth	\$ 28,272.59	O'Keeffe, Deborah	\$ 1,166.90
Caraher, Jerome	\$ 20,782.30	Ohm, George	\$ 6,000.00
Chance, Nicholas	\$ 16,990.72	Patterson, Stephen	\$ 47,917.70
Christensen, Kimberly	\$ 22,309.50	Pearey, Mike	\$ 36,943.91
Cleveland, Charles	\$ 27,366.48	Petersen, James	\$ 20,847.30
Clipperton, Randy	\$ 44,034.04	Petersen, Rita	\$ 29,453.06
Cook, Jerry	\$ 29,158.69	Phippen, Kay	\$ 7,845.17
Dickson, Janet	\$ 38,073.68	Plowman, Todd	\$ 28,438.71
Dinkla, Alex	\$ 20.63	Pohl, Eugene	\$ 6,546.09

Downing, Dean	\$	31,062.04	Rasmussen, Joline	\$	26,706.41
Downing, Michael	\$	22,758.51	Readinger, Daniel	\$	28,003.02
Drake, David	\$	28,920.40	Redfern, Chad	\$	25,220.17
Edgington, Victoria	\$	19,013.26	Richard, Tristan	\$	28,709.61
Edwards, Glenda	\$	30,392.01	Robson, Brock	\$	20,949.36
Eischeid, Stephen	\$	28,279.98	Robson, Darcia	\$	27,863.47
Eivins, Sandra	\$	38,384.40	Rossow, Christine	\$	1,856.75
Ely, Ted	\$	29,704.78	Rossow, Susan	\$	24,496.26
Fett, Sharolyn	\$	37,118.03	Sargent, Roy	\$	300.00
Finnegan, John	\$	34,910.35	Schafer, Lanette	\$	39,984.25
Fuller, Darci	\$	27,042.32	Scheuermann, Ted	\$	25,822.14
Gerlich, Karen	\$	3,040.88	Schreck, Marci	\$	28,511.64
Gilson, Lillian	\$	31,805.91	Sellman, Mona	\$	15,520.04
Halterman, Bradley	\$	31,201.59	Sheeder, Lee	\$	29,438.77
Hanner, Joseph	\$	37,739.31	Sheeder, Paula	\$	38,039.87
Hansen, Betty	\$	1,512.10	Sheeder, Randall	\$	30,186.81
Herbert, Michael	\$	60.00	Sheeder, Terri	\$	21,531.71
Herron, Joel	\$	28,737.61	Slaybaugh, Donald	\$	27,950.40
Hoover, Dennis	\$	250.00	Sloss, Dee	\$	56.25
Hrubetz, Ronald	\$	42,641.37	Sloss, Jacki	\$	35,886.88
Hrubetz, Shannon	\$	246.53	Soll, Robert	\$	540.00
Hunt, Curt	\$	3,078.00	Southwick, Vern Jr	\$	3,710.83
Jensen, Cheryl	\$	21,228.25	Sperry, Kurt	\$	38,798.37
Jensen, Jenna	\$	4,453.11	Stetzel, Barry	\$	43,647.25
Jorgensen, Sandra	\$	29,153.96	Stone, Richard	\$	21,840.67
Jorgensen, Kristine	\$	20,801.06	Stracke, Joyce	\$	2,980.10
Katzmann, Kris	\$	65,966.16	Striegel, Leanne	\$	45,212.47
Kempf, Jeff	\$	6,132.50	Stringer, Jack	\$	27,943.25
Kindred, Marcia	\$	36,439.19	Stringham, Janell	\$	44,022.24
Kirtley, Kevin	\$	29,492.37	Stringham, Mike	\$	29,226.15
Knapp, Sheila	\$	2,252.91	Stringham, Stuart	\$	44,992.62
Kness, Rick	\$	28,388.88	Thorn, Todd	\$	43,446.25
Kreimeyer, Linda	\$	27,335.94	Vanlandingham, Ken	\$	1,743.30
Kunkle, Beverly	\$	490.00	Wagers, Anthony	\$	25,384.34
Laidley, Robert	\$	300.00	Wallace, John	\$	15,341.87
Langgaard, Neil	\$	1,400.00	Warner, Alan	\$	26,773.96
Laughery, Donald	\$	300.00	Wheatley, Ryan	\$	1,840.00
Laughery, Larry	\$	20,789.58	Willrich, Edwin	\$	29,606.08
Laughery, Leora	\$	26,584.11	Wirt, Kevin	\$	20,845.22
Laughery, Maryjo	\$	450.00	Wolfe, Marilyn	\$	24,243.59
Lewis, Marcia	\$	38,255.37	Worshek, Donald	\$	3,531.05

ATTEST:

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

January 4, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

Minutes for 12/28/04 and 12/30/04 were read and approved.

Kris Katzmann provided the board with a cost projection for increased snow removal, including discussion on White Pole Road. Katzmann submitted OSHA report form 300A for endorsement by Board Chair Petersen.

Bench moved, seconded by Laughery to approve the hire of Craig Lundy on a full-time basis as a mechanic for \$12.22 per hour effective 1/10/05, and to approve longevity raises for Dave Drake to \$12.86 per hour effective 1/15/05, and Joel T. Herron to \$13.30 per hour effective 1/18/05. All ayes.

Katzmann recommended the temporary closing of the bridge located in the 3400 block of Quail Ave. The issue was placed on the agenda for 9:30 on 1/11/05.

Katzmann reported ongoing assessment of bridge conditions in Guthrie County. It was noted that bridges less than 20 feet in length are in particular need of re-evaluation.

Katzmann relayed that the Secondary Roads building was experiencing problems due to insufficient electrical service. Katzmann proposed the addition of an additional 200 amp service to be installed. The Board instructed Katzmann to solicit bids.

Barry Stetzel was present to discuss the cost of purchasing a GIS system. Stetzel relayed that GIS representative John Teale was unable to make the meeting due to the weather. Stetzel presented the Board with a fax from Teale which listed the total estimated cost between \$280,000 and \$300,000. Stetzel informed the Board that both he and Teale were actively exploring funding interest from other organizations within the county.

Ted Ely reported to the Board regarding the Greene-Audubon-Guthrie Mental Health Coordinator Committee. The committee has recommended a contract for the next 3 years.

Bench moved, seconded by Laughery to donate \$3,000 to the City of Casey towards the purchase of a flow meter for the city's sewer system. All ayes.

ATTEST:

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

January 6, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench, and Larry Laughery.

John Rutledge Presented valuations for the 2005-2006 fiscal year tax levies.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Bench to table Compensation until 1/11/05. All ayes.

Kris Katzmann reported on snow removal regarding the current storm.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Laughery to approve the position change of Ray Love to equipment operator at a rate of \$12.95 per hour effective 1/9/05. All ayes.

Katzmann provided a statewide salary comparison regarding Engineer office staff. Katzmann noted that the Assistant Engineer is 12.4% below the average compensation rate.

Motion by Bench, second by Laughery to enter closed session to discuss upcoming negotiations with the Secondary Roads Union. All ayes.

The Board entered closed session at 10:00 am. IA Code 20.17.3

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Bench to end closed session. All ayes.
Closed session ended at 10:40 am.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Caraher to appoint Wirt to the Greene-Audubon-Guthrie Mental Health Coordinator Committee. All ayes.

John Rutledge recommended the use of Auxiant for COBRA administration to reduce liability exposure to the county.

Motion by Caraher, seconded by Bench to use Auxiant for COBRA administration at the quoted rate of \$1.25 per employee, per month. All ayes.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

January 11, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

Discussion was held regarding the Compensation Board recommendation. Laughery expressed interest in maintaining pace with the cost of living.

Bench noted interest in sending the recommendation back to the Comp. Board. Bench also noted that an increase in compensation will force the Board of Supervisors to address either health care or tax rates. Discussion was held.

Bench motioned, seconded by Caraher for a 75% reduction in the Comp. Board recommendation. Roll call vote: Laughery, Wirt, Petersen – Nay.
Caraher, Bench – Aye.

Laughery motioned, seconded by Wirt for a 33% reduction in the Comp. Board recommendation. Roll Call vote: Laughery, Wirt, Petersen – Aye.
Caraher, Bench – Nay.

Engineer Kris Katzmann presented a recommendation for temporary bridge closure.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Wirt to adopt Resolution #05-14, temporarily closing the bridge located in the 3400 block of Quail Avenue. All ayes.

Discussion held regarding road maintenance. Katzmann relayed that the county only maintains roads that are in the Iowa DOT roads system.

Review of 1/6/05 closed session. IA Code 20.17.3

Ray Forsythe of Midwest Partnership spoke regarding possible grants for a GIS system.

Forsythe presented a budget overview for Midwest Partnership, and discussed his marketing goals for the coming year.

Forsythe requested a \$.05 levy equal to \$22,479.09, Forsythe noted that this is the same rate as last year's levy. Forsythe also relayed that Midwest Partnership's annual meeting will be on 1/27/05.

John Teale representing Midland was present to discuss the costs of a GIS system. Barry Stetzel and Kris Katzmann were present for discussion with Teale.

Minutes for the 1/3/05, 1/4/05, and 1/6/05 meetings were read and approved.

Claims in the amount of \$209,316.68 were allowed.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

January 13, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench, & Larry Laughery.

Steve Patterson presented a report regarding a delinquent account at the transfer station. Patterson advised that he will turn the matter over to the County Attorney. The board requested that Patterson review all accounts on a monthly basis to ensure that delinquent accounts are handled immediately.

Kris Katzmann discussed comp. time accrual for the crew supervisor of the secondary roads dept. The Board agreed to allow additional comp. time accrual during snow removal, provided that it was used by 10/01/05.

Katzmann relayed that an additional 20,000 to 40,000 tons of gravel are available from McAlister in Coon Rapids, at a price of \$3.35 per ton. Katzmann gave his intention to purchase, and the Board relayed their approval.

Joe Hanner and Brad Halterman were present to discuss the Guthrie Co. Conservation Board's meeting of 1/8/04. Present were all members of the Conservation Board; Scott Benton, Mike Laabs, Mike Rees, Jeff Bump, and Lyle Reynolds. Hanner and Halterman presented budget proposals. Discussion was held.

Becky Larson was present to review the insurance bill.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Laughery to approve bill and membership to ICAP until 1/1/08. All Ayes.

Motion by Wirt, Seconded by Laughery to approve the contract for the Greene – Audubon – Guthrie Mental Health Coordinator. All ayes.

Claim re-imbusement allowed regarding mental health advocate.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

January 18, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench, & Larry Laughery.

Minutes of the 1/11/05 and 1/13/05 meetings were read and approved.

Ben Larson and Jim Steburg were present from Farmers Co-op to request a tax abatement for a \$2.5 million fertilizer plant near Bayard. Larson indicated interest in a 3 year/100% abatement, but made no specific request. Petersen indicated that they would like to discuss further when Caraher was present, as the proposed abatement is in his district. Barry Stetzel was also present for discussion.

Stetzel requested cost figures in advance of the 1/20/05 meeting. Action on the abatement request was scheduled for 9:45am on 1/20/05.

Kris Katzmann was present to discuss road conditions.

Dean Downing presented the board with a cost estimate on assessing the electrical system at the Public Health Nurse facility. Downing relayed that Thompson & Son Electric would do an evaluation of the current system. Thompson will work hourly, with a total cost estimate of \$960 labor. Downing explained that this will be only an assessment to determine what additional work may be needed. The Board instructed Downing to proceed with the assessment as described.

Downing also discussed flooring repair in the Sheriff's office. Downing presented a cost estimate of \$2,050. The price included \$800 material, \$1,250 installation labor by Ray Volesky, and removal of the old tile by Downing & Ron Allen. The Board relayed their approval to Downing.

Timothy Hopkins & Stan Moellers of Sidwell were present to discuss the potential purchase of a GIS system. A lengthy discussion followed. Hopkins advised that Guthrie County would be wise to research GIS extensively prior to purchasing a system. Hopkins discussed the many differences that exist in GIS & mapping services. Hopkins & Moellers expressed interest in providing an in-depth presentation at the Board's convenience.

Robert Kempf was present to discuss the EMA budget. Kempf requested \$18,800 from Guthrie County.

Laughery motioned, seconded by Bench to approve a \$18,800 contribution to EMA. All ayes.

Wirt Motioned, seconded by Bench to approve the Master Matrix. All ayes.

Laughery motioned, seconded by Bench for a 2.85% raise for all employees in non-elected offices.

Discussion was held regarding departmental budgeting for health and prescription insurance.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

January 20, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench, & Larry Laughery.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Laughery to approve a longevity compensation raise to \$22,227.11 for Kim Christensen effective 1/29/05. All ayes.

The Treasurer's semi-annual report was reviewed by the board.

Mary Benton was present to request the hire of 2 temporary employees. Benton requested the hire of Terri Sheeder at a rate of \$8.50 per hour and Kay Thomas at a rate of \$7.50 per hour.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Wirt to hire both employees as requested by Benton. All ayes.

Benton provided the board with information regarding the Bagley Protein Plant. Benton explained the possibility of suing the owner for delinquent machinery & equipment taxes.

Russ Vaagen from West Central Mental Health Center presented his budget. Vaagen noted that they are looking into other revenue sources to address the fact that their budget shows a deficit. Vaagen also noted that they could access their reserves if needed.

Vaagen requested a 3% increase in Guthrie County's contribution from \$62,551 to \$64,428.

Ted Ely was present for Vaagan's request, and commented that the county is required to provide these mental health services in order to receive certain federal funding. Ely explained that the federal funding received would exceed the costs of these services. Ely requested that the board grant Vaagen's funding request.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Wirt to approve contract with West Central Mental Health Center. All ayes.

Ted Ely presented the Mental Health budget to the board for review.

A claim was approved in the amount of \$536.72 for Mental Health Advocate Sharon Magee.

The F.C. abatement proposal was rescheduled at the request of Farmer's Co-op.
The proposal was placed on the agenda for 2/3/05.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

January 25, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench, and Larry Laughery.

John Rutledge informed the Board that IA Code 331.305 requires that the board publish notice not less than four nor more than twenty days prior to the appointment of a County Attorney. Rutledge relayed that both the Times and News Gazette had been contacted, and that they will publish the required notice this week.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Laughery to table the appointment of the County Attorney until 2/3/05. All ayes.

Minutes of the 1/18/05 and 1/20/05 meetings were read and approved.

The Auditor's Quarterly report, Veteran's Affairs Quarterly report, and Recorder's Quarterly report were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Claims in the amount of \$489,074.00 were allowed.

Kris Katzmann presented the Board with resolution #05-17 for additional projects in fiscal year 2004-2005.

Motion by Caraher, seconded by Laughery to adopt resolution #05-17. All ayes.

Katzmann, Rutledge, and Barry Stetzel suggested the formation of a GIS steering committee to gather information regarding GIS needs for the county. The Board approved and indicated that Petersen and Wirt would participate on the Board's behalf.

Bench moved, seconded by Caraher to approve \$3,000 to the city of Stuart for economic development. All ayes.

Rutledge presented the Board with resolutions #05-15 and #05-16, both for interfund transfers.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Caraher to adopt resolutions #05-15 and #05-16. All ayes.

The 6/30/04 financial report from Guthrie County Hospital was reviewed by the Board.

Budgets were reviewed for the Public Health Nurse and Guthrie Co. Conservation.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

January 27, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench, and Larry Laughery.

Steve Patterson was present to discuss water quality tests for the leach aid basin at the transfer station. Patterson relayed that the current report shows no significant changes from last year's report.

Patterson discussed budgets for the Transfer Station and Sanitarian. Patterson expressed interest in installing a storm shelter at the transfer station at an approximate cost of \$3,000 - \$3,500. The board informed Patterson that they did not feel the installation of a shelter at the transfer station was necessary at this time.

Kris Katzmann was present to discuss the County Engineer's budget. Katzmann noted his request for an increase in the Engineer's percentage of interfund transfers. The board explained that they would not be in support of this, as they would like to remain conservative with respect to interfund transfers. Katzmann relayed that he understood their reasoning.

Mike Stanfill, Ray Love and Nic Chance were present representing the Secondary Roads Union. The Union presented their bargaining position to the board. Stanfill explained the Union's proposal in depth. Stanfill also reviewed the Board's proposal, which had been previously submitted to the Union for their review.

Discussion was held regarding the progressive discipline policy, health insurance, and wage increases.

The Board and Union separated for a closed strategy session. IA Code 20.17(3).

The Board exited closed session. Other board business was addressed as the Union remained in closed session.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Caraher to approve Resolution # 05-18, adopting the Master Matrix construction evaluation plan. All ayes.

The Union returned for more open discussion. Lengthy discussion regarding health care and wage increases were held. The Board expressed a firm interest in having the Union adopt the health plan that applies to all other county employees.

Much discussion was held regarding the premium cap of \$760. The board explained that the county has capped its contributions toward premiums at \$760 per employee, per month for all non-union employees. Stanfill expressed the Union's concerns with the premium cap, noting that once the premiums exceeded \$760 it would mean a premium co-payment for the employees. Bench indicated that this was necessary to control the county's health insurance expenses.

The Board and the Union separated for a closed strategy session. IA Code 20.17(3).

The Board and Union returned to open discussion briefly for clarification on a few items. The two groups then returned to closed strategy sessions. IA Code 20.17(3)

The Board exited closed session. Other board business was addressed as the Union remained in closed session.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of placing the proposed Farmers Co-op fertilizer plant in the Bayard TIF. It was noted that the proposed construction is outside the border of the TIF, but that some research was required to clarify what options are available regarding the TIF.

John Rutledge presented the Auditor's budget to the Board for review. Rutledge noted that the HAVA voting legislation will require Guthrie County to purchase approximately \$180,000 worth of voting equipment by 1/1/06. Rutledge explained that his current estimate is \$9,800 – \$10,000 per precinct. Rutledge also informed the board that the State will be providing funding assistance to the counties, but that the amount has not yet been finalized. The Board discussed the potential cost savings of precinct consolidation, noting a savings of nearly \$10,000 for each precinct consolidated. The Board discussed that it would be wise to wait and see final funding figures from the State before any decision could be made.

The Union returned for more open discussion. The Union and Board both discussed areas where they were willing to compromise. Discussion reached an impasse when the issue of health care was addressed. Neither party was willing to compromise on the issue of the Union adopting the county's plan.

Stanfill informed the board that the Union was very uncomfortable with the \$760 cap, noting that it would inevitably result in Union employees having to pay for a portion of their health care out of their pocket. Bench informed the Union that the costs of health care left the Board no choice. Caraher informed the Union that the board is firmly committed to the Union adopting the county's plan. Petersen, Wirt and Laughery also voiced the Board's unity on this issue.

The discussion between the Board and the Union halted abruptly. The Union informed the board that they would schedule a date for mediation. (Mediation later scheduled for 2/17/05 at 11:00am). Both groups exited the extended session at approx. 1:15 pm.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

February 1, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

The Board reviewed the revised budget for the Public Health Nurse.

Minutes of the 1/25/05 and 1/27/05 meeting were read and approved.

Kris Katzmann was present to review his budget with the board. Katzmann also wanted to verify that the pay increase for employees in his office was 2.85% for the 05-06 Fiscal Year. The Board confirmed that this was correct.

Katzmann and the Board reviewed the 1/27/05 meeting with the Secondary Roads Union.

Katzmann presented the board with information regarding bridges in Guthrie County. Discussion was held regarding Katzmann's recommendations for future bridge work.

Ray Forsythe, Pathana Southammavong, and Justin McDermott were present with Midwest partnership to request funding assistance for a feasibility study regarding suitability of an ethanol plant in the Stuart area. Forsythe noted that Stuart would be one of 3 sites involved in the study, and that the funding required by Guthrie County would be \$5,791.67. Forsythe also requested that the Board submit a letter of support for this study.

Bench informed Forsythe that the Board did not have any funding available, but that they would be willing to provide a letter of support for this study.

Forsythe also spoke regarding a cooperative marketing effort with Region XII. Forsythe requested a letter of support from the Board. The Board indicated that they would be willing to provide a letter of support to Forsythe for cooperative marketing.

Forsythe relayed that Midwest Partnership's annual meeting had went well, and discussed some of the meeting's events with the Board.

The Board made a correction to the longevity raise for Kim Christensen. The effective date of the raise was corrected from 1/29/05 to 1/28/05.

Katzmann rejoined the Board to relay information on bridge repair.

The Board moved to the public meeting room for public hearings.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Laughery to open public hearing #81. All ayes.

Zoning administrator Barry C. Stetzel presented the legal description of the property as follows: SW1/4 of SE1/4 Section 25, Township 78 North, Range 30 West of the 5th P.M. all in Guthrie County, Iowa (Penn Twsp) a.k.a. Penn Station - a major subdivision preliminary plat consisting of 26 plated lots on 36.083 net acres. Petition to change from (A-1) Agricultural to (R-1) Residential.

Stetzel informed the Board that the Zoning Commission had rejected the petition.

Stetzel asked petitioner Michael S. McConkey to present his position. McConkey presented the Board with detailed maps of the proposed residential development. McConkey felt that the Zoning Commission's reasons for rejecting his petition were out of his control.

Zoning Commission member Sam Carney relayed that the Zoning Commission rejected the petition for multiple reasons. Carney relayed that he felt placing a residential development adjacent to agricultural activities would cause conflict with the eventual homeowners. Carney also felt strongly that this ground should remain zoned for the production of row crops.

McConkey commented that being close to agricultural activities was "part of life."

Kris Katzmann (Engineer), Jim Carlson (Northern Natural Gas) and McConkey discussed some concerns about the proposed development.

Board Chair Petersen asked for further input.

Vince Wells and Marion Marks echoed concerns regarding the loss of crop ground and the placement of a residential development next to agricultural activity.

Bench expressed that he strongly objected to turning crop suitable ground into residential property.

Doug Christensen and Jim Hendersen with Stuart Municipal Utilities expressed concerns with the serviceability of their water supply if residential development was allowed.

Steve Patterson noted that individual perk tests would be required to tell if septic tanks were allowable. Patterson noted that the county would need to assess a fee to each homeowner to cover the costs of regular testing. Patterson explained that this would be similar to the fees assessed at Lake Panorama.

Marion Marks commented that he felt the homes would need to be placed randomly to accommodate the underground lines. He noted that this would result in an undesirable appearance to the development on the whole.

McConkey stated that this would be dealt with on a "house by house basis."

Laughery asked for clarification on the Zoning Commission's determination.

Carney relayed that the Zoning Commission did not want to take crop suitable ground out of production.

Petersen asked for additional comments.

Zoning Commission member Dale Christensen noted that a residential development would be a good addition to the tax base, but that he also understood the concern of losing crop ground.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Bench to close public hearing. All ayes.

Bench motioned to support the Zoning Commission and deny the petition, seconded by Wirt. All ayes.

Bench motioned, seconded by Laughery to open public hearing #79. All ayes.

Zoning administrator Barry C. Stetzel presented the legal description of the property as follows: Parcel A NE1/4 of NE1/4 of Section 12, Township 79 North, Range 32 West of the 5th P.M. all in Guthrie County, IA consisting of 7.71 acres. Petition by Douglas R. Frels, DVM to change zoning from (A-1) Agriculture to (C-1) Commercial for purpose of Veterinary Clinic.

Stetzel explained that the Zoning Commission approved this change, as the ground was unlikely to be used for crop production. Additionally, Stetzel noted that Commercial designation would be more appropriate for the construction of a Veterinary Clinic.

Laughery motioned, seconded by Bench to close public hearing #79. All ayes.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Wirt to approve the petition change for Douglas R. Frels. All ayes.

Stetzel informed the Board that he felt the Board should table public hearing #80, as he needed further information to advise the Board. Stetzel also noted that the applicant was not present.

Wirt motioned, seconded by Bench to table public hearing #80. All ayes.

Note legal description for public hearing #80: Parcel A of Lot 1 of SW1/4 of Section 21, Township 79, Range 30 West of the 5th P.M. all in Guthrie County, Iowa consisting of 2.10 acres in NW1/4 of SW1/4 & .90 acres in NE1/4 of SW1/4 with .46 acres being County ROW in P28. Petitioner Dawn Dowd requesting waiver of minor subdivision.

Board recessed at 11:40 am for lunch.

The Board re-convened at 12:40 pm to review budgets.

Discussion was held regarding the budget of the Public Health Nurse. Janell Stringham was contacted via telephone for discussion.

Roger Baird was present to discuss the Sheriff's budget with the Board. Baird noted that he would like to add a fourth deputy and a vehicle for that deputy.

Janell Stringham, Marcia Kindred, and Jacki Sloss were present to discuss Public Health Nurse, Treasurer, and Recorder budgets.

Rutledge presented the board with the budget for the Supervisors and Attorney. The Board decided to review the Attorney budget after the appointment had been made.

Changes in the Engineer's budget were discussed.

The Board adjourned the extended session at 4:10 pm.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

February 3, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

Ben Larson and Jim Steburg were present representing Farmers Co-op. Barry Stetzel was also present. Steburg and Larson requested a 10 year, 50% abatement for a \$2.79 million fertilizer plant near Bayard. Discussion was held. Steburg discussed the many changes in the fertilizer business.

Steburg explained that this plant will help ensure the viability of the railroad in Bayard. Steburg told the board that they had "one shot" at getting this building in Guthrie County. Steburg continued by telling the Board that FC had alternate sites available.

Stetzel estimated that the annual taxes on the facility would be approximately \$60,000. Discussion was held regarding the legal provisions for abatements under IA Code 404.3.

Bench asked F.C. if they were giving the Board an "either/or" ultimatum. Steburg replied that FC would look at other sites if no abatement was granted.

Stetzel indicated that he would like to check with legal counsel before advising the Board on this abatement. Stetzel also informed FC that Guthrie County was in an enterprise zone, which would allow the construction to be done tax free. Discussion was held as to how this applied to the proposed project.

Caraher asked to have this issue placed on the agenda for 2/10/05 at 9:00 am. Caraher noted the need to review F.C.'s proposal.

Kris Katzmann was present to discuss bridge inspection.

Katzmann asked to have Resolution #05-19 placed on the agenda for 2/8/05 at 9:30 am.

Katzmann reviewed the 1/27/05 meeting with the Union. The Board noted that the date for Union mediation had been set for 2/17/05 at 11:00am.

Further discussion was held regarding IA Code 404.3 as it pertained to the FC proposal.

Discussion was held regarding the legality of including Kevin Wirt in the meeting via telephone. John Rutledge referenced IA Code 21.8, and suggested that the Board contact ISAC Attorney David Vestal for clarification. Rutledge contacted Vestal, and Vestal confirmed that IA Code 21.8 allowed for participation by electronic means.

Wirt was contacted and placed on speakerphone, as it was impractical for him to be at the meeting due to an obligation concerning livestock. IA Code 21.8.

Petersen called for a motion to appoint a County Attorney.

Caraher motioned to appoint Paul Walter as County Attorney. Petersen declared the motion dead for lack of a second.

Laughery motioned, seconded by Wirt to appoint Mary Benton County Attorney.

Roll call vote:

Laughery – Aye
Bench – Aye
Caraher – Nay
Wirt – Aye
Petersen – Aye

Wirt excused himself from the meeting via telephone following the appointment of Benton.

Caraher requested that Benton be sworn in as soon as possible. Rutledge relayed that he would swear Benton in as soon as she was available to take the position.

Chad Jensen was present representing New View regarding their annual funding request. Jensen noted that future funding increases from Guthrie County would be appreciated. Jensen noted that Guthrie County contributed \$11,884 to New View in fiscal year 04-05.

Caraher motioned, seconded by Laughery to approve \$11,884 to New View for fiscal year 05-06 . All ayes.

Marcia Kindred was present to discuss the budget for the Treasurer.

Zetta Pilch with the Henry Co. Attorney’s office was present to discuss an indexing system for the Guthrie County Attorney’s office. The Board informed Pilch that they would feel more comfortable making a decision once Benton had reviewed the system and made a recommendation to them.

Barry Stetzel rejoined the Board to review IA Code 404.3 as it pertained to the FC abatement discussion.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

February 8, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, and Larry Laughery.

Mary Benton was present to discuss the County Attorney position. Benton informed the board that she wants to give 3 weeks notice to Madison County before accepting the position.

Discussion was held as to the legality of Benton holding both positions. Benton explained that there was no precedent to clarify this question. Benton agreed to be sworn in as Attorney with the understanding that she would be committing less than 40 hours a week until her 3 week obligation to Madison County had expired. The Board agreed that this would be acceptable.

Lonnie Bench entered the meeting at 9:20am.

Discussion of Attorney's budget. Benton requested funds to hire a part time assistant. Laughery asked Benton if the work load had increased. Benton relayed that she did not have any numbers, but that she felt the work load had increased.

John Rutledge noted that the potential of a fourth deputy and a drug dog would increase the amount of work in the Attorney's office.

Benton relayed that she would take her oath of office later today.

Kris Katzmann was present to discuss the excavator position. Katzmann presented **resolution #5-19** for the following addition to the farm to market system: Grant Ave. from HWY 141 North to the Guthrie/Greene County Line.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Caraher to adopt **resolution #5-19**. All ayes.

Dean Downing was present to discuss the removal of the vault door in the Sheriff's office. The Board indicated their approval. Downing informed the Board that he would like to replace 190 sq. ft. of tile in the hall to the jail. Downing said that this would cost approx. \$450. The Board approved.

Discussion was held regarding the Board's views on abatements as related to the FC request.

Minutes of 2/1/05 and 2/3/05 were read and approved.

Claims were allowed in the amount of \$143,754.53. Payroll was approved.

The Board adjourned to Country View Estates for their annual meeting.

The Board met at Country View Estates with the following present: Petersen, Wirt, Bench and Laughery. Representing CVE were Gary Randel, Janet Oberholtz, Mafalda Makey, Leroy Barrett, and Lisa Calvert. Ted Ely and John Rutledge also present. Caraher absent.

Randel discussed information regarding the bottle bill. He relayed positive feedback about CVE's redemption center. Randel explained CVE's financial information. Randel informed the Board that CVE's liability insurance has "skyrocketed," and noted that this is a major expenditure in their budget.

Randel discussed that CVE had completed the installation of new windows in the West Building. He noted that CVE would like to replace the windows in the East building in the near future.

Randel explained that 48% of CVE's budget had been funded by the county in fiscal year 2003. He pointed out that in fiscal year 2004 the county funded 41% of their budget.

Ely discussed changes in the CVE contract. Ely recommended that the county accept the contract.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Wirt to accept the new lease effective retroactively 7/1/04. All Ayes. Bench Absent.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Larry Laughery
Vice Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

February 10, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench, and Larry Laughery.

Motion by Caraher, seconded by Bench to table FC abatement request. All ayes.

Brad Haltermann was present to discuss the minutes of the Conservation Board meeting.

The Board reviewed a letter from the City of Guthrie Center informing them that they would be burning demolition material per DNR guidelines.

Wirt motioned, seconded by Laughery to exempt the County Health Care plan from selected HIPPA provisions. All ayes.

Kris Katzmann was present to discuss bridges. Katzmann informed the board that the transmission is out on the Casey motor grader.

Scott Thomas with South Central Shelter was present to request \$10,975.67 from Guthrie Co. Thomas noted that this is a 3% increase from last year's funding.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Caraher to approve \$10,975.67 to South Central. All ayes.

Discussion of budget was held.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Wirt to sign a 28E agreement with Henry Co. regarding the indexing system for the Attorney's office. All ayes.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Larry Laughery
Vice Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

February 15, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Kevin Wirt, Larry Laughery, Lonnie Bench and Jerry Caraher.

Steve Patterson was present to discuss an increase in tipping fees at the transfer station. Patterson informed the Board that the county's expenses in transferring waste will be increasing. Patterson recommended that Guthrie County increase the fee accordingly from \$38 per ton to \$40 per ton effective 7/1/05.

Motion by Caraher, Seconded by Bench to increase tipping fees to \$40 per ton effective 7/1/05. All ayes.

Patterson also discussed employee wages with the Board.

Joe Hanner was present to discuss the possibility of a lake project in Guthrie County.

Hanner discussed amending his 2004-2005 budget. Hanner requested that the Board approve approximately \$2,600 for roof repair at the historical village. Hanner noted that most of the repairs will be covered by insurance, but that an additional \$2,600 would be needed. The Board indicated their approval.

Kris Katzmann was present to discuss road conditions. Katzmann also informed the Board that he was going to begin Electrical work on his office. The Board indicated their approval.

Minutes for the 2/8/05 & 2/10/05 meetings were read and approved.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

February 17, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

Roger Baird was present to discuss the Sheriff's budget. The Board discussed the removal of \$20,249 from the Sheriff's budget. Baird informed the Board that he would be able to delay the purchase of a vehicle for another year.

Joe Hanner was present to discuss the Conservation budget. The Board informed Hanner that they would be appropriating \$20,000 less than requested. Hanner informed the Board that he would make the appropriate adjustments.

Janell Stringham was present to discuss the Nurse's budget. The Board informed Stringham that they would be appropriating \$20,000 less than requested. Stringham informed the Board that she would make the appropriate adjustments.

Kris Katzmann was present to discuss the transmission in the motor grader.

Wirt informed Katzmann of a broken sign. Wirt also relayed public compliments regarding roads.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Caraher to enter closed strategy session. All ayes. The Board entered closed strategy session at approx. 10:40 am per IA Code 20.17(3).

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Bench to exit closed session. All ayes. The Board exited closed session at approx. 11:00 am.

Mike Stanfill, Ray Love, and Nic Chance were present representing the secondary roads union. Kristin Johnson was present to mediate discussion between the Board and Union. Kris Katzmann remained for the negotiations.

Discussion focused on health insurance. The Board expressed a firm interest in having all county employees on the same insurance plan.

The Union exited briefly for private discussion.

The Union and the Board reconvened. Caraher informed the Union that the Board would give the Union a 6% compensation raise if the Union agreed to go to a \$500/1,000 deductible and accept the county contribution cap of \$760 per employee, per month.

The Union exited for private discussion.

Laughery exited Board meeting at approx. 12:15 pm.

The Board attended to other business while the Union was absent. Bench telephoned Janell Stringham for clarification on the Nurse's budget. Bench clarified that the Board was reducing the Nurse's appropriation by \$20,000.

The Union and the Board reconvened. Mike Stanfill submitted the following proposal to the Board:

Article 19: The Union's health care plan will now have a \$500/\$1,000 deductible. The out of pocket maximum will be \$1,000/\$2,000. The county's contribution will not exceed \$760 per employee, per month. Any employee contribution in excess of the \$760 will be waived until 6/30/06. Lab tests for wellness, sickness and injury will be handled in conjunction with the doctor's visit.

Article 21: No cap will be applied to the amount of time Union Stewards are allowed to attend any meetings or hearings without loss of pay.

Article 18: An employee will be allowed ½ day to attend the funeral of a current county road worker. Also, an employee will be allowed ½ day to perform in the Color Guard with the approval of the Engineer.

Article 24: Compensation will increase 6%.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Caraher to enter closed strategy session. All ayes. The Board entered closed strategy session to review the Union's proposal at approx. 1:05 pm per IA Code 20.17(3).

Johnson (mediator) entered at the Board's request.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Caraher to exit closed session. All ayes. The Board exited closed session at approx. 1:15pm.

Johnson relayed the Board's request to review Article's 4, 6, & 21.

The Union and the Board reconvened. Stanfill informed the Board that the Union would accept the following:

Article 4: Language change regarding Employer's rights.

Article 6: Union will accept the use of either IPERB or FMCS with regard to arbitrators. Stanfill noted that the 90 day requirement must be struck from the wording to accommodate this change.

Article 21: Union stewards will be allowed up to 40 hours each year to attend any meetings and hearings without loss of pay. Contract negotiations with the Board will be in addition to the 40 hours granted.

The Board indicated that they would be in approval of such contract.

Ray Love informed the Board that he and Chance needed to take the tentative contract to their membership for discussion. Love requested that Kirby Moss (health insurance agent) be scheduled to discuss the proposed changes in the health plan prior to any decision by the Union. (Moss was later scheduled for an employee meeting at 2:00 pm on 2/24/05).

The Board and Union adjourned. The Union indicated that it would be in contact following the informational meeting with Moss.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

February 22, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

Roger Baird was present to discuss increasing Terri Sheeder's hours to 40 per week. Baird informed the Board that his budget will allow for this increased cost.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Laughery to change Sheeder's status to full time at a rate of \$11.51 per hour, effective immediately. All ayes.

Baird also gave the Board an update on the drug dog. Baird expects the dog to be in service approximately 3/18/05.

The Board reviewed the budget for Guthrie County, and agreed to publish the notice of public hearing. The public hearing was scheduled for 3/8/05 at 10:00am.

Kris Katzmann was present to discuss the Union contract. The Board instructed Katzmann to contact Mike Stanfill with language changes in his proposed contract.

Katzmann discussed right of way projects. Katzmann also informed the Board that the electrical work at the Secondary Roads office will require a 400 amp box to accommodate their needs.

The Board informed Katzmann of some trees that needed cut from a road ditch.

Minutes of the 2/15/05 & 2/17/05 meetings were read and approved.

Katzmann informed the Board that he will be gone the week of 3/6/05.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Caraher to approve contract with Auxiant Health Care. All ayes.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Wirt to approve letter of support to M&M RC&D for their establishment of a revolving loan fund. All ayes.

Barry Stetzel was present to discuss RIZ information.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

February 24, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher and Lonnie Bench.

The Board discussed the installation of a telephone line for Emergency Management. The Board instructed John Rutledge to pay Bob Kempf's cell phone bill, as this was the only phone line available to him. The Board discussed that it will be more economical once a land line is installed for Kempf's use.

Kris Katzmann presented the Board with Resolution 05-22.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Caraher to approve Resolution 05-22 for Public Hearing to Vacate Excess Right of Way adjacent to P-28 scheduled for March 24, 2005. All ayes.

Rick Hunsaker was present from Region XII to discuss a letter of support for a multi-county cooperative marketing effort. The Board presented Hunsaker with letter as described.

Hunsaker presented the Board with Resolution 05-21 to participate in the Region XII COG multi-county intermediary re-lending program. Res. 05-21 was placed on the agenda for 3/1/05.

The Board allowed claims in the amount of \$180,891.49.

Discussion was held regarding Adair County's withdrawal from a 28E agreement effective 6/30/05. Rutledge informed the Board that he would work with Marcia Kindered to establish a new 28E agreement with Madison and Dallas Counties. The Board indicated their approval.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

March 1, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench, and Larry Laughery.

Steve Patterson presented the Board with a Recycling Material Processing Agreement with Carroll County.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Wirt to extend duration of current contract with Carroll County for Recyclable Material from 6/30/05 to 6/30/10. All ayes.

Discussion was held regarding the county budget.

Kris Katzmann was present to discuss Resolution #05-22.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Wirt to approve Resolution #05-22 to set public hearing date of March 24, 2005 for vacating excess right of way located West of P-28. All ayes.

Discussion was held regarding a drainage complaint from Brian Hoffman. Katzman informed the board that he had notified Hoffman that the issue was between Hoffman and the City of Bayard. Discussion also held regarding mowing of grader sheds, and liability insurance requirements for mowing bids.

Katzmann informed the Board of a right of way issue regarding property owned by Melvin Hauf. Katzmann informed the Board that Hauf's building would be allowed to remain on right of way, but that the county would not compensate Hauf for the structure should the county require the ground in the future.

Discussion was held regarding the contract with the Secondary Roads Union. The Board refused the tentative agreement with the union. The Board noted a difference in opinion regarding the language in Article 19; Insurance. The Board instructed Kris Katzmann to contact Mike Stanfill regarding the language changes. The Board informed Katzmann that they want Article 19 to state that "Union employees will accept a policy identical to that provided all other County Employees."

John Rutledge presented the Board with a contract renewal for Mallard View Inc. on behalf of Ted Ely. Rutledge noted that the rate had increased from \$32.00 to \$32.96 per day.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Bench to approve contract with Mallard View Inc. for \$32.96 per day. All ayes.

Motion by Caraher, seconded by Wirt to approve Resolution #05-21 to participate in the Region XII COG multi-county intermediary re-lending program. All ayes.

Budget discussion was held.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

March 3, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, and Larry Laughery.

The minutes of the 2/22/05 & 2/24/05 meeting were read and approved.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Laughery to hire Thompson & Son Electric, Inc. to complete electrical work at the Public Health Nurse's building with a cost estimate of \$1,500. All ayes.

The Board instructed that State Street Insurance be notified of the repairs.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

March 8, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

Roger Baird was present to request approval to hire part time dispatchers.

Motion by Wirt, second by Bench to hire Cindi Fox and Jeff Howard as part time dispatchers at a rate of \$11.00, retroactively effective 2/25/05. All ayes.

Baird informed the Board that Spring Valley was preparing a bid for a security camera system in the courthouse. Baird noted that he will explore funding grants with Bob Kempf once a price is submitted.

The Board allowed claims in the amount of \$4,480.00.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Wirt to put mowing contracts out to bid. All ayes.
Note that bid information will be available at the Engineer's office.

The Board moved from the board room to the public meeting room at approximately 10:00am for the public hearing on the 2005-2006 budget.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Bench to open public hearing for the 2005-2006 Guthrie County budget. All ayes. Public hearing opened at 10:05am.

County Auditor John Rutledge presented the budget. Rutledge provided a lengthy explanation, noting that the tax rate for urban areas is 6.39902, and the rate for rural areas is 8.29902.

Rutledge noted that the county's General Basic and General Supplemental funds are projected to have a combined reserve of approximately 34% (4 months) on 6/30/06. Rutledge noted that in past years, the reserves had been much higher. As a method of reducing these reserves, the Board had maintained a tax rate lower than what was necessary to pay expenditures.

Rutledge explained that the county had now reached a point where fund reserves should be maintained. Rutledge noted that the county's total expenditures had decreased slightly from last year, and that the increase in tax rates is due to the fact Guthrie County will not be significantly reducing their reserves in fiscal year 2006.

Ted Ely commented on the details of the Mental Health levy and fund.

Petersen asked the public for comments and questions.

Dean Whitehead commented that he felt the county should maintain fund reserves of 25%. Whitehead stated that even when allowing for cushion, the county should not exceed 30% reserves.

Discussion was also held regarding the expense of HAVA (Help America Vote Act) mandated voting equipment. Rutledge explained that this equipment could cost the county approximately \$225,000 if precinct consolidation was not done. Rutledge explained that if precincts were consolidated, the county's cost could still approach \$150,000 in equipment. Rutledge noted that the State of Iowa would be funding approximately \$93,000 to Guthrie County for these purchases.

Robert Laidley, Dan Royer, and Jerry Dickson offered comments and questions regarding the purchase of voting equipment and potential precinct consolidation. Rutledge noted that this would be an issue that the Board would

address in the near future, as he would like to place his equipment order sometime in April. Rutledge also emphasized that this purchase was required; not optional for the county.

Petersen asked for any further questions or comments. No further questions or comments were presented.

Bench moved, seconded by Wirt to close the public hearing. All ayes. Public hearing closed at 11:00am.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Laughery to adopt the proposed budget for fiscal year 2005-2006. All ayes.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

March 10, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

Joe Hanner presented the minutes of the Conservation Board meeting. Hanner informed the Board the county will need to re-surface the Raccoon River Valley Trail in the near future.

Hanner also expressed his interest in seeing the Board pursue a lake project in Guthrie County. Hanner noted that such a project would likely take 15 – 20 years to complete.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Bench to approve liquor license renewal for Windy Ridge Flowers. All ayes.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Laughery to name Robert Kempf, John Rutledge and James Petersen as designated contacts and James Petersen, Larry Laughery, and John Rutledge as authorized representatives for the Iowa Mutual Aid Compact. All ayes.

Minutes of the 3/1/05 and 3/3/05 meetings were read and approved.

The Board discussed an email from union representative Mike Stanfill. The Union clarified that Chairman Petersen is the county's representative for negotiations. The Board instructed Petersen to inform Stanfill that they want Article 19 to state: "the Union will accept insurance coverage identical to that provided other county employees."

Barry Stetzel was present to inform the Board of a GIS meeting in Carroll county on 3/22/05. Stetzel informed the Board that they would be discussing GIS and the potential of a cooperative flyover. Stetzel noted that a cooperative flyover could substantially reduce the county's flyover expense.

The Board informed Stetzel that they would cancel their regular session on 3/22 and attend the meeting in Carroll. The Board also noted that they would not be in regular session on 3/17 due to ISAC training.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

March 15, 2005

The Board met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

Ray Forsythe of Midwest Partnership was present to discuss the abatement request for Farmers Co-op. Barry Stetzel was also present. Forsythe suggested that the Board establish a policy on industrial tax abatements. Forsythe referenced IA Code 427B.3. Forsythe explained that an established policy would allow him to deal more definitively with potential developers.

Laughery expressed his concerns with abatements, and stated that he does not want to establish a set policy. Laughery noted that he would rather consider abatements on a case by case basis.

Forsythe suggested a plan similar to Adair County's, in which there is a cap of \$70,000 for residential and \$2,000,000 for industrial.

Forsythe relayed that FC would construct the fertilizer plant under a 3 year, 100% tax abatement. Petersen indicated to Forsythe that the Board would like to offer FC a lesser abatement.

Stetzel suggested that the Board provide only industrial abatements, not residential.

Bench expressed his opposition to a 3 year, 100% abatement. Petersen and Laughery voiced their agreement.

Wirt motioned, seconded by Laughery to award FC a 3 year, graduated tax abatement of 75%, 50%, & 25%. All ayes.

Forsythe informed the board that he will return in a couple of weeks with some examples from other counties.

Kris Katzmann was present to discuss the possible purchase of a rubber tire excavator. Katzmann also informed the Board that the Secondary Roads will be purchasing a new semi-tractor for rock hauling in FY 06-07. Katzmann explained that the County will need to order it now to ensure delivery next year.

Discussion was held regarding the Union contract. Petersen will be in contact with Union representative Mike Stanfill.

Minutes for the 3/8/05 and 3/10/05 meetings were read and approved.

Claims in the amount of \$249,364.96 were allowed.

The Board noted for the record that it would not be in regular session on either 3/17/05 or 3/22/05 due to ISAC school and a GIS meeting in Carroll Co.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

March 22, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, and Larry Laughery.

Steve Patterson was present to discuss possibly applying to the DNR for a Toxic Clean-up Day this Fall. The cost for the program is \$.75 per household. Barry Stetzel estimated that this would be approximately \$5,000.

John Rutledge suggested that the county advertise to determine the level of interest in providing this service. Patterson informed the Board that he felt this would be a good idea, and that he would do so.

Patterson noted that the Transfer Station had opened late on 3/22/05 due to employee illness. Patterson explained that he believed it to be an isolated incident.

Kris Katzmann was present for public hearing to vacate excess right of way adjacent to P-28. Also present were Everett and Carla Grasty.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Laughery to open Public Hearing. All ayes. Opened at 9:30am.

Katzmann explained that this should have been completed as part of a previous project, and that this resolution is consistent with the past project. Grasty's voiced their agreement with Katzmann's statement.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Wirt to close Public Hearing. All ayes. Closed at 9:45am.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Laughery to vacate right of way adjacent to P-28 in Government lots 15 and 18, of Section 5, T78N, R30W. All ayes.

Katzmann discussed an open position in the Secondary Roads Dept. Katzmann informed the Board that he will proceed with filling the position.

Ted Ely was present to discuss the county's Mental Health Affiliation.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Wirt to affiliate with West Central Mental Health Center (Adel). All ayes.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

March 29, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

Minutes of the 3/15/05 & 3/24/05 meetings were read and approved.

Discussion was held regarding the FC abatement.

Kris Katzmann was present to inform the Board that John Mylan had submitted his resignation effective 4/11/05. Katzmann also presented the Board a longevity pay raise for Jerry Cook.

Motion by Caraher, seconded by Bench to approve a longevity pay raise for Jerry Cook to \$13.53/hr. effective 4/6/05. All ayes.

The Board instructed Katzmann to review the mowing bids and prepare a summary for the 3/31/05 meeting.

Katzmann presented the Board with a contract for the N-70 Bridge design.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Bench to approve contract for design of the N-70 Bridge with Calhoun-Burns & Assoc., Inc. All ayes. Katzmann will submit the contract to the DOT for approval.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Laughery to approve contract with Guthrie Co. Libraries Assoc. for \$90,000 in FY 05-06. All ayes.

Angie Duncan was present on behalf of Midwest Partnership to present the draft of the Comprehensive Plan. Also present were Barry Stetzel, Barry Monaghan, Dale Grotjohn, and Dalton Hoover.

Stetzel informed the Board that he had reviewed the plan, and felt that it was satisfactory. Stetzel noted that this plan was essentially an updated version of the plan adopted on November, 30 1995, and that there were no significant changes.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Laughery to approve the comprehensive plan effective immediately. All ayes. Copies of the plan will be available for review in the office of the Guthrie County Assessor.

Stetzel informed the Board that he will be taking bids from Midwest Partnership and Region XII COG to update the county's Zoning and Sub-division ordinance. Stetzel noted that the current ordinance was last updated in 1972.

Jason Carlson was present with Region XII COG regarding a FHLB housing program.

Motion by Caraher, seconded by Bench to adopt resolution #05-24 to participate in the Region XII COG housing rehabilitation program. All ayes.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Laughery to waive the cost of 10 fax fees for Region XII as part of Guthrie County's commitment to this program. All ayes.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

March 31, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench, and Larry Laughery.

Mary Benton was present to discuss the salary of the Attorney's secretary position. Benton noted that Sue Rossow was making \$24,111 and requested that the Board allow her to hire a secretary at that rate. Benton also expressed concern that the county's personnel plan should be updated.

Rutledge noted that the Board had set the starting salary at \$19,000 in 2001. Rutledge suggested that the Board consider adjusting that amount, as it was four years old. Rutledge noted that a 3% annual adjustment would equal \$21,385.

Petersen noted that \$19,000 was inconsistent with the rate that is paid new employees in secondary roads and Sheriff's dispatch. Petersen suggested that a starting rate of \$23,000 would be approximately \$11/per hour. Petersen expressed that he felt this was a competitive wage at which to hire new employees.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Bench to allow Benton \$23,000 with which to hire a secretary. All ayes. It was noted that Benton would provide her secretary a semi-annual review, with any compensation changes being presented to the Board at that time.

Kris Katzmann, Randy Clipperton, and Doris Gibson were present to discuss a joint fence issue between Gibson and Guthrie County. Katzmann explained to the Board that the County had dug too close to Gibson's property line at the Monteith pit, and that he proposed to purchase a small amount of ground from Gibson to correct this error.

Gibson informed the Board that she was willing to work with the Board, but that she wants an objective, professional opinion regarding the amount of erosion that can be expected in the future. Gibson noted that she "does not have any ground for sale," but that she understands the County's need to resolve this issue.

Katzmann provided Gibson with an independent survey of the property in question. Petersen requested that Gibson relay any information she gathers, so that the Board can work with her to resolve the situation. Gibson informed the Board that she would be in contact with them once she had gathered further information.

Katzmann informed the Board that McAlister Aggregates, LLC. would provide the county 50,000 tons of gravel at a rate of \$3.35 per ton. Katzmann noted that this was the same price as last year, and that he felt it was an appropriate purchase. The Board indicated their approval to Katzmann.

Katzmann presented a summary of the mowing bids for the Secondary Roads Dept.

Roadside bids were as follows:

Area A & B: Austin Eischeid - \$27.25, James Clark - \$29.75.

Area B only: Don Mleynek - \$29.50.

Area C only - JD Kuster - \$35.00.

Grounds mowing bids were as follows:

Area 1: Sloss Lawn Care - \$239.50, James Clark - \$315.00, Tom Rutledge - \$365.00, Ken Burns-\$500.00.

Area 2: Dave Drake - \$60.00, Sloss Lawn Care - \$79.70, James Clark - \$180.00.

Area 3: Sloss Lawn Care - \$114.00, James Clark - \$135.00.

Katzmann recommended that the Board hire Eischeid and Kuster for the roadside mowing, and Sloss Lawn Care for the grounds mowing. Katzmann noted his preference in hiring one bidder for all 3 ground mowing areas.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Caraher to hire Austin Eischied for Roadside Areas A & B at a rate of \$27.25, JD Kuster for Roadside Area C at a rate of \$35.00, and Sloss Lawn Care for Grounds mowing areas 1, 2 & 3 at rates of \$239.50, \$79.70, & \$114.00. All ayes.

Katzmann presented bids for a semi-tractor truck to be ordered for FY 05-06. The bids were as follows: Freightliner -

\$69,995. Kenworth - \$84,435. Volvo - \$109,252

Katzmann informed the Board that he intended to order the Freightliner. The Board indicated their approval.

John Rutledge noted a correction in the 3/15/05 minutes, which had stated the truck was for purchase in FY 06-07. The Board concurred that this was incorrect, and that the purchase is for FY 05-06.

The Board moved to the public meeting room to accommodate approximately 35 members of the public who were present to discuss precinct consolidation.

John Rutledge presented his proposal as Commissioner of Elections. Rutledge discussed the ramifications of HAVA legislation. Rutledge noted that the Help America Vote Act requires Guthrie County purchase new voting equipment for 2006. Rutledge explained that the cost of the equipment would be approximately \$9,000 per precinct. Rutledge also noted that the proposed consolidation would save Guthrie Co. in excess of \$80,000.

Rutledge explained that both he and the Board respected the amount of history and pride associated with the township halls, but that they felt strongly the financial consequences of this decision needed to be considered. Rutledge noted that his recommendation was to consolidate from 18 to 8 precincts.

John Cramer spoke on behalf of the Guthrie Co. Democrat party in favor of the consolidation. Cramer noted the difficulty and expense of conducting precinct caucuses for 18 locations.

Alfred Meixner, Gerald Harvey, Roger Tallman, Courtney Allen, Ron Mortensen, Jerry Dickson, Vern Royer, Curt Sloss and Dean Whitehead expressed various opinions on the consolidation proposal. Opinions in favor noted the cost savings to the county, while opinions opposed noted that this consolidation would have dire consequences on the future of the township halls.

Petersen thanked the public for their input. The Board returned to the board room as the public exited following the public comment portion of the meeting.

Courtney Allen remained present to request that the Board attend the April 8, 2005 meeting of the Lake Panorama RIZ Board. Allen suggested that the Board be present for his questions regarding oversight on expenditures; specifically involving LPA dredging. The Board indicated to Allen that they would attend the meeting as objective representatives of Guthrie County.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Laughery to waive the first and second readings of Ordinance No. 21, Amendment No. 1 to re-precinct Guthrie County. Roll call vote: Laughery, Bench, Caraher & Petersen – Aye. Wirt – absent.

John Rutledge performed the final reading of Ordinance No. 21, Amendment No. 1 to re-precinct Guthrie County.

Motion by Caraher, seconded by Bench to adopt Ordinance No. 21, Amendment No. 1 as read. Roll call vote: Laughery, Bench, Caraher, & Petersen – Aye. Wirt – absent.

Rutledge informed the Board that he would submit the re-precinct ordinance to the Secretary of State for approval.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

April 5, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, and Lonnie Bench.

Discussion was held regarding the contract with the Secondary Roads union. The Board will consult a lawyer regarding the wording in Article 19.

Minutes of the 3/29/05 & 3/31/05 meetings were read and approved.

Kris Katzmann asked to have the lease for the county hay ground placed on agenda for 4/7/05.

Katzmann informed the Board that he is meeting with Laverne Tibben to explain that Tibben cannot place his fence in the right of way.

Discussion also held regarding the joint fence issue with Doris Gibson. The Board noted that they would discuss further once Gibson had contacted them with information that she is gathering.

Katzmann informed the Board that he would like to replace a pickup for the road crew foreman. Katzmann informed the Board that the state bid for a ¾ ton, 4wd, ext-cab Ford is \$22,600 (gas) and \$26,860 (diesel). Katzmann explained that he would like to go with a diesel, as the county can expect longer life out of diesel vehicle. The Board instructed Katzmann to ask Morrison for a bid.

Discussion was held regarding the grounds mowing bids for area 2. Caraher noted that he felt that area 2 should be reconsidered, as the low bid was not taken. Caraher noted that Sloss Lawn Care was low on areas 1 & 3, but that area 2 should still be considered independent of the other two areas.

Katzmann communicated that it was his recommendation to award all 3 to Sloss Lawn Care as it would simplify the coordination of the mowing. Katzmann clarified that he had no objection to the reconsideration of area 2. The issue was placed on the agenda for 4/7/05.

Angie Duncan was present representing Midwest Partnership. Duncan presented a proposal to update Guthrie County's Planning and Zoning ordinance. Stetzel informed the Board that the county will also be discussing the project with Region XII COG and will be in touch once a decision has been made.

The Board asked Stetzel to research various ongoing topics.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

April 7, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

Barry Stetzel was present to discuss proposals for the planning and zoning ordinance. Stetzel asked that Region XII be placed on the agenda for 4/14/05 at 10:00am.

Kris Katzmann was present to discuss the lease of the county hay ground. Katzmann informed the Board that Ray Love was the only bidder.

Kris has signed a contract for a \$111,000 rubber tire excavator. Discussion was held regarding the problems that the county has been having with transmissions on Cat equipment.

Kris also relayed to the Board that he has ordered the Freightliner semi-tractor. He noted that they will be keeping the existing trailer, and intend to put approx. \$3,000 into it in repairs. Katzmann also noted the replacement of a computer at the Engineer's office.

Katzmann clarified that there will be no fuel adjustment for the grounds mowing contracts. Katzmann also noted that all mowing contracts are 2 year contracts.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Caraher to lease hay ground to Ray Love for a period of 5 years, beginning April 7, 2005 at a rate of \$600 per year. All ayes.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Caraher to rescind the 3/31/05 motion awarding mowing contracts. All ayes.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Caraher to accept low bids on each individual area bid. All ayes.

Bids awarded to Austin Eischied for Roadside Areas A & B at a rate of \$27.25, JD Kuster for Roadside Area C at a rate of \$35.00, and Sloss Lawn Care for Grounds mowing areas 1 & 3 at rates of \$239.50, & \$114.00, and Dave Drake for Grounds mowing area 2 at a rate of \$60.00.

Discussion held regarding N-70 Bridge project.

Katzmann informed the Board that he had given permission to Duane Artist to perform grading in the road ditch adjacent to his property.

Discussion was held regarding the contract with the Secondary Roads Union. Mike Stanfill will be present for continued discussions on 4/12/05.

Katzmann informed the Board that he and Roger Baird are exploring an arrangement where the Sheriff's Dept. will purchase gas from the Secondary Roads Dept. Katzmann explained that this could reduce the Sheriff's fuel expense.

Jenell Stringham and Bob Kempf were present representing Public Health and Emergency Management. Stringham and Kempf discussed disaster preparedness, and informed the Board that Guthrie County had been awarded \$42,281 to help increase the county's level of preparedness for bio-terrorism response. These funds will be used to construct a response trailer that will be used by all Guthrie County communities in Fire, EMS and Public Health situations. Stringham also noted that the trailer would be available for use in the Iowa Mutual Aid Compact (IMAC). Kempf noted that there will be an additional \$7,696 for radio equipment from the EMS council.

Stringham asked that the Board consider a mileage re-imbusement increase. The issue was placed on the 4/12/05 agenda.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

April 12, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

Kris Katzmann presented the 2005 budget amendment for secondary roads. Katzmann noted that the county will receive \$639,000 in FEMA funding, which will cover 80% of his amended expenditures. He also noted that the design expense on the box culvert was not reimbursable, and would be paid by the county. Katzmann also noted several bridge projects that will be undertaken with amended funds.

Katzmann noted that he had completed the purchase of gravel from McAlister Aggregates, LLC and that this should ensure the county an adequate supply for several years.

Laughery motioned, seconded by Caraher to approve Katzmann's amendment. All ayes.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Bench to adopt resolution 05-25 to add local and farm to market projects to the FY 2005 Five Year Road Program. All ayes.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Laughery to approve the 2005-2006 construction program. All ayes.

Discussion was held regarding contract with KH Buttler for rock hauling.

Mike Stanfill, Ray Love and Nic Chance were present to discuss the tentative agreement between the Union and the County. Discussion focused on the wording of Article 19. The Board exercised their ability to meet privately for strategy discussion. IA Code 20.17(3).

The Board indicated to the Union that they will accept the tentative agreement as presented by the union.

Steve Patterson was present to discuss the household hazardous materials disposal. Patterson informed the Board that he did not receive enough interest from the public to warrant the expense of the project.

Discussion was held regarding the closure of Linden's landfill. We will bill them \$227.15 annually.

Patterson noted the need to amend the FY05 budget due to the increased volume of waste handled resulting from last year's hail storm and the Bayard elevator fire.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Caraher to increase the mileage reimbursement rate from \$.35 to \$.40 per mile for the public health nurses and health aides effective immediately. All ayes.

Minutes for the 4/5/05 & 4/7/05 meetings were read and approved.

Auditor's quarterly report was approved. Claims were approved for \$229,330.86.

Motion by Caraher, seconded by Laughery to set public hearing date for FY 2005 budget amendment of 4/26/05 at 9:00am. All ayes.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

April 14, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt and Larry Laughery.

Brad Halterman was present to discuss resolution #05-27 regarding noxious weed control.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Laughery to adopt resolution #05-27. All ayes.

Joe Hanner was also present to inform the Board that he would like to hire George Ohm and Jeff Kempf for summer help.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Wirt to approve the summer hire of Goerge Ohm at a rate of \$7.70 effective 5/2/05 and Jeff Kempf at a rate of \$10.25 effective 5/9/05. All ayes.

Leigh Ashley Martin was present to request that the county apply gravel to a level B road off of Soldier Trail, (233rd). Discussion was held regarding the county's policy on Level B roads. Martin indicated their intention to put up a cabin in the near future. Katzmann discussed the possibility of increasing the maintenance on a portion of the road in exchange for closing a portion of the road. Katzmann will investigate the issue further.

Katzmann informed the Board that he explained to Laverne Tibben where his fence may be placed regarding the county right of way. Katzmann also informed the Board that he is exploring the purchase of ½ ton, gas pickups instead of ¾ ton diesel pickups.

Chris Blass was present to protest the contract with Ray Love regarding the county hay ground. Blass explained that he understood the bid to be for a 3-year period, and that he protested Love being given a 5 year contract. The Board will investigate this issue further.

Joe Behrens and Chris Whitaker were present with Region XII COG to discuss their bid for the Planning and Zoning ordinance. Barry Stetzel also present. Decision on bid between Region XII and Midwest Partnership placed on Agenda for 4/19/05.

Janell Stringham was present to recommend the application for a \$59,661 grant regarding Local Health Services.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Wirt to apply for and follow Stringham's recommendation. All ayes.

Ted Ely was present to inform the Board that the Mental Health Advocate will be on medical leave for an undetermined period of time.

Mary Benton was present to hire Traci Mason as Attorney's secretary.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Laughery to approve the hire of Traci Mason as Attorney's secretary effective 4/27/05 at an annual salary of \$23,000. All ayes.

John Rutledge

Jim Petersen

County Auditor

Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

April 19, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

Discussion was held regarding a pending 28E agreement with Dallas and Madison Counties for the shared employment of a driver's license examiner. The Board was in agreement that the employee should be given credit for his years of service with Guthrie County regarding vacation, sick leave and insurance.

Kris Katzmann presented the Board with roadside mowing contracts. Katzmann noted that J.D. Kuster's contract reflects a one mile extension of his route into Adair Co. Katzmann explained that there is a 28E agreement in place to compensate the county for this maintenance.

Discussion was held regarding the hay ground leased to Ray Love. Katzmann discussed that no timeline was specified in the bid letting.

Bids were reviewed for the drafting and completion of a planning and zoning ordinance.
Bids were: Region XII COG - \$2,400 Midwest Partnership - \$5,000.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Bench to approve the hire of Region XII for the drafting and completion of the county planning and zoning ordinance for a fee not to exceed \$2,400. All ayes.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Wirt to approve Kim Neuharth and Maher Saegh as medical examiners. All ayes.

Contract with Secondary Roads was reviewed. Applications for the Secondary Roads department were reviewed.

Jerry Purdy, AIA and Donald Jotzke, PE were present to inspect the architectural panels on the West side of the building. John Rutledge and Dean Downing relayed concerns about the movement and deterioration of the panels. Purdy and Jotzke relayed to the Board that further examination will be required to determine the severity of the problem. They informed the Board that they would be in contact with a price for their diagnosis.

Purdy and Jotzke also inspected the concrete canopy on the East side of the building. They relayed to the Board that they believed the canopy to be structurally sound, but that a rubber roof overlay was needed to prevent the further deterioration of the canopy. This was also recommended for the smaller canopy on the North side of the building. They will be in contact with a cost estimate for this project.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

April 21, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

Steve Patterson was present to discuss erosion at the Transfer Station. Patterson informed the Board that the nature of the Transfer Station lends itself to erosion problems. Patterson noted that a silt pond built several years ago has filled, and is in need of attention to prevent erosion of ground owned by Elwin Lemke. The Board instructed Patterson to discuss the issue with the County Engineer. Patterson also noted his intention to seed areas that are no longer in regular use.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Wirt to hire Susie Rose for part time employment at the Transfer Station effective immediately. Rose's salary will be at Patterson's discretion, but shall not exceed \$7.50 per hour. All ayes.

Roger Baird was present to discuss a security system for the court house. Baird relayed that the Emergency Management Association is interested in allocating \$6,000 for the purchase of the system. Baird relayed that Spring Valley Radio has submitted a \$6,000 bid, and that they meet the state and federal requirements needed for the EMA to fund this project.

Baird also explained that the EMA will be allocating \$12,000 to address dispatch communication problems. Baird explained that law enforcement, ems, and fire all have difficulty communicating with dispatch in the northern sections of the county.

The Board indicated their approval to Baird. The Sheriff's quarterly report was also reviewed.

Baird requested that the Board approve the hire of Jeremy Long as a part time deputy at a rate of \$10.00 per hour. Wirt expressed concern that the City of Panora would not be comfortable losing Long, should he be considered for the full time deputy position in July.

Baird clarified that this position was part time only, and that it would not conflict with Long's full time employment in Panora. Baird noted that a full time deputy position is opening July 1, 2005, and that he has not yet addressed the staffing of that position. The part time hire of Long was placed on the agenda for 4/26/05.

Chris Blass was present to object to the lease of the hay ground. Also present were Kris Katzmann, Glenda Edwards, Lee Sheeder and Randy Clipperton. Blass read a prepared statement, noting that information he had received implied the lease was restricted to 3 years. Blass proposed that Love's 5 year contract remain in place, and that Blass be given a contract identical to Love's upon it's expiration. Katzmann noted that this was illegal, and that the ground must be put out for bid once Love's contract has expired.

Clipperton apologized to Blass that he had not been able to answer his questions clearly. Clipperton clarified that he had instructed Blass to speak with the Engineer, and that he did not specify the contract to be for 3 years.

Blass noted that he wanted a solution that was fair to both Love and himself. He clarified that it was not his goal to criticize Love, but rather to object to the handling of this bid by the county.

Katzmann and Blass discussed their conversations regarding the solicitation for bid. Blass again noted the implication that this was a 3 year contract. Katzmann expressed that no time frame had been specified, and that he felt Blass had assumed it to be 3 years. Katzmann explained that Love had been the only bidder, and that he had presented a 3 year and a 5 year proposal, with the 5 year proposal being accepted.

Wirt suggested that if legal, the county should offer to buy out Love's contract and turn the ground over to the conservation department.

Blass stated that he did not want to take anything away from Love, even though he objected to the way this issued had been handled. Laughery and Petersen clarified to Blass that there had been no intentional mishandling of the ground, and explained that the Board would ensure more clarification on future bids. Blass expressed his disappointment with the situation, thanked the Board for their time and exited.

Katzmann presented the Board with two payroll changes.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Caraher to approve end of probation pay raise for Ryan Wheatley to \$11.00 per hour effective 5/15/05 and a longevity raise for Brad Bielenberg to \$12.52 per hour effective 5/13/05. All ayes.

Katzmann presented a 28E agreement to the Board regarding the City of Panora.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Wirt to approve a 28E agreement with the City of Panora for the maintenance of Clay Street, in which the county will blade Clay St. for a fee, noting that Panora will retain all liability. In addition, Panora will reimburse the county for 50% of materials only on Utopia Ave., with no fees being assessed for county maintenance of Utopia Ave. All ayes.

Recorder's quarterly report was approved.

John Rutledge informed the Board that Don Chaloupka had resigned from the Magistrate Appointing Committee, and that a replacement was needed. The Board spoke with Robert Laidley about replacing Chaloupka. Laidley expressed his willingness to serve. The issue was placed on the 4/26/05 agenda.

Motion by Caraher, seconded by Laughery to approve resolution #05-28 for an inter-fund operating transfer of \$385,767.56. All ayes.

Dean Downing was present to discuss bids for the replacement of the John Deere 318 mower. Downing noted that the 318 was in need of repair or replacement due to some recent mechanical problems. The Board instructed Downing to hold the Deere bids, and solicit bids from other manufacturers for comparison.

The Board agreed to reimburse Downing \$30 per hour for the use of his mower until a replacement is purchased and delivered.

Mary Benton was present to request that Traci Mason be allowed to begin on a part time basis prior to her start date. Benton informed the Board that Mason would be able to begin part time training prior to her full time employment. The Board indicated their approval to Benton.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

April 26, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Wirt to open public hearing on the FY 2005 budget amendment. All ayes.

John Rutledge presented the FY 2005 budget amendment. Rutledge noted that amendments from the Conservation & Historical Village are a result of insurance monies from last year's hail storm. Rutledge also noted that the Transfer Station's amendment was due to the increased volume resulting from the hail storm and the Bayard elevator fire. Kris Katzmann also present.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Laughery to close public hearing. All ayes.

Motion by Bench to approve FY 2004-2005 budget amendment as published, seconded by Laughery. All ayes.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Wirt to approve the appointment of Robert Laidley to Magistrate Appointing Committee. All ayes.

Kris Katzmann informed the Board that he has interviewed 3 individuals for the position of laborer.

Katzmann also discussed his inspection of the Beaver River Bridge. Katzmann estimated that a low water crossing with a Q10 rating would cost approx. \$60,000. Katzmann noted that a bridge would cost approx. \$80,000 - \$90,000. Katzmann explained that the affected landowners have alternative access to their ground. The Board indicated that the cost of replacement would be prohibitive.

The Veteran's Affairs Quarterly Report was reviewed. Claims were allowed in the amount of \$359,315.48.

Dean Downing and Ron Allen were present to discuss the replacement of the John Deere 318 mower.

Bids for replacement (including trade-in) were:

John Deere X475:

Van-Wall - \$8,928.93. Barker Implement - 10,600.00. Puck Implement - \$10,066.00

Cub Cadet GT3200:

True Value - \$8,103.00. Vetter Equipment - \$6,995.00.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the comparison of the Cub Cadet to the John Deere. Downing and Allen explained that they had inspected both mowers, and felt that the John Deere was superior to the Cub Cadet. Downing stressed that the John Deere 318 had served the County for 18 years with only minimal repairs. Allen commented that the frame of the John Deere was heavier, and more industrial than that of the Cub Cadet.

The Board reviewed a Consumer Report article stating that John Deere was less prone to maintenance than the Cub Cadet. Downing and Allen again relayed their preference for the John Deere, noting that it would not only be used for mowing, but also for snow removal.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Wirt to accept the bid from Van-Wall Equipment to trade in the John Deere 318 (and accessories) for a John Deere X475 (and accessories) for \$8,928.93. All ayes.

The Board noted the excellent performance of the John Deere 318 as reasoning to purchase the John Deere X475.

Steve Patterson was present to discuss employee payroll changes. Patterson suggested that Mike Downing and Mike Stringham be granted a \$2,500 longevity raise effective April 25, 2005 and a subsequent \$2,500 raise in April 2006. Patterson noted that he had not given Downing and Stringham longevity raises on a regular basis, and was attempting to adjust their salaries to appropriately reflect their time served. Patterson relayed that the Board of Health was in support of this recommendation.

Petersen noted the need for an annual evaluation for all employees, agreeing that Stringham and Downing had not been advanced at the rate equal to that of other County employees.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Bench to approve longevity pay raises for Mike Downing to \$24,424.00 and Mike Stringham to \$30,950.45 effective 4/25/05. All ayes.

Roger Baird was present to discuss the part time hire of Jeremy Long at a rate of \$10.00 per hour.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Laughery to hire Long as a part time Deputy at a rate of \$10.00 per hour. Petersen, Bench Laughery – Aye. Wirt – Nay.

Janell Stringham was present to discuss the Public Health Nurse Department. Stringham presented the Board with the minutes from the 4/20/05 Board of Health meeting. Stringham also presented a detailed breakdown of agency activities. Stringham noted that referrals were down.

Bench asked Stringham about the fewer number of referrals. Stringham replied that Home Care is decreasing, and that other agencies have reduced staff to reflect this trend. Stringham relayed that people have become more aware of their health, and that the number of referrals has decreased as a result.

Stringham noted that the Empowerment Board had recommended full funding of HOPES and the Stork's Nest. Stringham also mentioned a recent donation to the Stork's Nest program from the Bowman Chapel congregation.

Chuck Lund from Matt Parrott and Sons Company presented the Board with literature and preliminary pricing on Diebold voting equipment. Rutledge informed the Board that he will present a formal recommendation to them once State certification of Diebold equipment is completed.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

April 28, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench, and Larry Laughery.

The Sheriff's quarterly report was reviewed.

Ted Ely presented the Board with Resolution #05-29 to update 28E agreement with Greene and Audubon counties, effective retroactively 1/1/05.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Petersen to adopt Resolution #05-29 renewing the 28E agreement between Greene, Audubon and Guthrie Counties. All ayes.

Kris Katzmann was present to discuss applicants for the Casey Patrol.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

May 3, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

Minutes of the 4/26/05 and 4/28/05 meetings were read and approved.

Marcia Kindred was present to discuss employee salaries. Kindred noted a discrepancy in the rate of employee advancement.

Kris Katzmann was present to discuss bridge work. Katzmann informed the Board that he will be in contact with Robert Martin regarding Martin's request to apply gravel to a level B road. Katzmann is exploring the possibility of closing a portion of the road in exchange for increased maintenance.

Katzmann presented the Board with a new hire.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Wirt to hire Jim Stringer as a laborer at \$10.00 per hour effective 5/16/05. Laughery, Bench, Wirt – Aye. Caraher – Nay. Petersen – Abstain.

Petersen noted that he had abstained, as Stringer is married to his niece.

Katzmann discussed a letter from the City of Panora requesting that the county share the cost of seal coating 930 feet of Soldier Trail to control dust near the City's water treatment plant. Katzmann informed the Board that he will investigate and report back on 5/5/05.

Laughery informed Katzmann that Bar-L-Ranch is having serious problems with the erosion of their property. Laughery asked Katzmann to speak with the owners about who they can contact regarding this problem. Katzmann noted that this was not a county issue, but that he will assist them in determining the appropriate agency for them to contact.

Katzmann also informed the Board that the County will be replacing a tube on the Springbrook road.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

May 5, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Caraher to approve a fireworks permit for Pat Farrell. All ayes.

Kris Katzmann was present to discuss the bid letting for upcoming FEMA projects. Katzmann noted that FEMA funds will cover 80% of the costs. Katzmann noted that all projects are pending acquisition of right of way.

Motion by Caraher, seconded by Wirt to approve bid letting for 3 FEMA projects. All ayes.

Katzmann updated the Board on the City of Panora's request to address the dust on Soldier Trail. Katzmann estimated the cost of seal coating the 930 ft. section to be approximately \$5,000. Katzmann expressed concern that the seal coating would not withstand the traffic, and would not be a permanent solution to the dust issue.

Wirt suggested that Katzmann consider applying a sand and gravel mix over the white rock, noting that this has been used for dust problems in the past. Katzmann informed the Board that he would contact the City of Panora, and inform them that the county will apply a sand and gravel mix to help control the dust. Katzmann stated that he would ask the City of Panora to provide feedback on the effectiveness of this solution.

The Board asked Katzmann to investigate a complaint about county equipment being used for private purpose northeast of Guthrie Center. Katzmann informed the Board that he would look into the issue.

Katzmann informed the Board that Bob Daniels had requested the county upgrade the road North of 300 Maple to class A status, noting IA Code 309.57. Katzmann discussed IA Code 311.7, which deals with improvement by private funds. Katzmann advised the Board that it would not be in the county's interest to upgrade the road unless petitioned to under IA Code 311.7. It was noted that Jim Petersen will be asked to contact Daniels with this information.

Dean Downing was present to discuss general maintenance duties.

Odell Moore was present to request inspection of ditch work that had been done by the county. Moore expressed his displeasure regarding the drainage created by the work. Bench informed Moore that he would investigate the area in question.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

May 10, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

Minutes of the 5/3/05 & 5/5/05 meetings were read and approved.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Laughery to allow Lillien Gilson to use the public meeting room for Relay for Life fundraising. All ayes.

Kris Katzmann informed the Board that the Volvo truck had sustained \$2,500 electrical damage from lightning. Katzmann noted that our insurance will cover all but the \$200 deductible.

Katzmann informed the Board that he has reviewed the language in the union contract and has no objections. The contract was placed on the 5/17/05 agenda for official action.

Katzmann placed a new hire for the Casey patrol on the 5/12/05 agenda.

Becky Larson was present to discuss insurance. Larson noted the lightning damage to the Volvo. Larson also reviewed workers' compensation renewal.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Laughery to renew Iowa Municipal Workers' Compensation Association contract effective 7/1/05. All ayes.

Ray Forsythe of Midwest Partnership was present to discuss the proposed FC fertilizer plant. Forsythe relayed that he had initiated contact with FC to learn the future of this project. FC informed Forsythe that they had put the project on hold, as they are not satisfied with the abatement given by Guthrie Co.

Forsythe informed the Board that both Buena Vista and Franklin Counties have given FC a 3 year, 100% abatement. Forsythe also noted that Sac and Calhoun Counties have offered abatements, with one being a 2 year , 90% and one being a 5 year graduated.

Forsythe expressed concerns that FC will move the project to Farnhamville if Guthrie Co. does not give a larger abatement.

The Board discussed options with Forsythe. Caraher noted that FC had not given any feedback to the Board's abatement offer, and that he would like for FC to return to discuss the future of the project. The consensus of the Board was to meet with FC for discussion once they are ready to build. Laughery noted the need for a stipulated assessment as part of any abatement.

Forsythe informed the Board that he would return to FC for further discussion.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

May 12, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

Joe Hanner presented the minutes of the 4/13/05 Conservation Board meeting. Hanner informed the Board that he expects to return \$700 from the Historical Village amendment, as the Depot roof was completed as bid. Hanner noted that Nation's Bridge had suffered damage from this week's hail storm.

Hanner informed the Board that the Conservation Board was exploring the possibility of purchasing a pickup with funds remaining in the FY 04-05 budget. Hanner also noted a 5/24/05 public meeting about the improvement of the Raccoon River Valley Trail.

Kris Katzmann presented the Board with a new hire.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Caraher to hire David Shroyer for Casey Patrol at an hourly rate of \$11.74 per hour. All ayes.

Wirt informed Katzmann that he has been informed that the gravel & sand mix has cut down the dust by the Panora water treatment plant significantly.

John Rutledge presented the Board with benefit information for the Driver's License Examiner. Rutledge noted that Guthrie Co. will be administering the 28E agreement which employs the examiner as of 7/1/05, and that the examiner will be transferring from Adair Co.'s health plan to Guthrie Co.'s health plan.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Caraher to waive pre-existing condition and waiting period requirement for Driver's License Examiner's admittance to Health Plan. All ayes.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Wirt to adopt Resolution #05-30 to appropriate funding for the FY 05-06 budget. Roll Call: Laughery-Aye, Bench-Aye, Caraher-Nay, Wirt-Aye, Petersen-Aye.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Laughery to approve Resolution #05-31 to appropriate funding for the FY 04-05 budget amendment. Roll Call – All Ayes.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Laughery to waive the first and second readings of Ordinance No. 22. All ayes.

John Rutledge performed the final reading of Ordinance No. 22, an ordinance to formally adopt Guthrie County's code of ordinances.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Laughery to adopt Ordinance No. 22. Roll Call – All ayes.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

May 17, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher and Lonnie Bench.

Dean Downing was present to discuss electrical work at the Public Health Nurse Building. The Board informed Downing that Janell Stringham would need to discuss the proposed work with them on 5/19/05.

Minutes of the 5/10/05 & 5/12/05 were read and approved.

Kris Katzmann was present to discuss ongoing road projects.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Bench to approve contract with the Secondary Roads Union. All ayes.

Claims in the amount of \$395,613.07 were allowed. A claim for the mental health advocate in the amount of \$303.54 was allowed.

The Sheriff's quarterly report and the Clerk of Court's report of fees collected were reviewed.

Ray Forsythe was present with Midwest Partnership was present to discuss the abatement of the FC fertilizer plant. Forsythe recommended that the Board reconsider offering FC a 3 year/100% abatement. Forsythe indicated that FC would not build under the current abatement offer.

Discussion was held. Caraher and Wirt expressed interest in a 3 year/100% abatement to secure the construction of the plant. Bench and Petersen expressed their interest in a lesser abatement.

Forsythe noted that a 3 year/100% abatement sends a positive message to investors. The issue was tabled until the 5/19/05 meeting.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Caraher to approve liquor license for the Port. All ayes. The Board noted that this topic was not on the agenda, but warranted immediate action to accommodate a transfer in ownership.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Larry Laughery
Vice Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

May 19, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

Janell Stringham was present to discuss the Board of Health minutes and statistical report. Bench asked Stringham about the management of overtime in her office. Stringham informed the Board that she has reviewed the law to ensure that overtime will be paid properly.

Stringham also informed the Board that she will be funding approximately \$400 of electrical work in the Public Health Nurse building through a bio-terrorism grant. Stringham noted that the electrical work was needed to reconfigure the office staff.

Stringham noted that she feels communication has improved within her office, noting staff meetings twice per week. Petersen asked that the minutes from the Board of Health meetings be more detailed in the future.

Angie Duncan from Midwest Partnership was present to discuss the FC abatement. Barry Stetzel also present. Discussion was held regarding the details of the abatement.

Motion by Caraher, seconded by Wirt to grant FC a 3 year/100% abatement for the Guthrie County fertilizer plant proposal contingent on completion by 12/31/2006. Roll Call Vote: Laughery-Aye, Bench-Nay, Caraher-Aye, Wirt-Aye, Petersen-Nay.

The Board noted that additions to the plant after 12/31/2006 must meet a minimum of \$500,000 in taxable value to be considered for extended abatement.

Kris Katzmann was present to open bids for three FEMA projects. Bids were as follows:

Cass 229 B:

Gus Construction: \$117,419.80

Graves: \$123,153.20

CL Carroll: \$126,002.30

Iowa: \$153,396.60

Orange 367:

Gus Construction: \$134,129.00

Graves: \$140,376.04

CL Carroll: \$158,122.00

Iowa: \$181,951.52

Seely 261:

Graves: \$124,798.98

Gus: \$141,070.96

Iowa: \$179,671.70

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Caraher to accept low bids and award contract upon acquisition of

the right of way. All ayes.

The Board informed Katzmann of several complaints about Frontier Road. Katzmann informed the Board that he will broom the road to reduce the amount of loose rock on the seal coat. Katzmann noted that this is still a construction zone, and that the seal coat surface will improve with time.

Katzmann also informed the Board that the lightning damage to the Volvo was \$8,000. Katzmann noted that insurance covered all but \$200.

Doris Gibson was present to discuss a joint fence issue with the Board. County Attorney Mary Benton also present. Discussion was held about the ownership of approximately 17 acres in question. Gibson stated that her attorney indicated that the ground could be hers through possession by acquiescence.

Benton informed the Board that, in her legal opinion, possession by acquiescence does not apply to government entities. Benton advised the Board that the ground in question is property of Guthrie County.

The Board offered to re-establish the fence on the property line at the county's expense to resolve the issue. Gibson informed the Board that she will consult her lawyer and return.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Larry Laughery
Vice Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

May 24, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

Minutes of the 5/17/05 and 5/19/05 meetings were read and approved.

Kris Katzmann was present to discuss ongoing road projects. Katzmann discussed the complaints received from the chip seal on Frontier Road. Bench asked Katzmann to provide the Board with a cost comparison between chip seal and asphalt overlay.

Katzmann presented the Board with 3 new hires for summer help.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Wirt to hire Kris Langgaard, Neil Langgaard and Ryan Knobbe as summer help at a rate of \$8.00 per hour effective 5/31/05. All ayes.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Bench to acquire the following rights of way: Jack D. and Susan E. Bohlender for \$1,794.50, Phillip J. Fisher for \$1,484.00, The Edith I. Kopaska Estate for \$1,573.00. All ayes.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Wirt to award project L-SE261--73-39 to Graves Construction. All ayes.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Bench to award project L-OR367--73-39 to Gus Construction. All ayes.

Andy Randol, Curt Thornberry, and Jeff Cobb were present from Panora Telco/GC Communications to present a cost estimate for establishing a Guthrie County website. The cost estimate was \$50 per page, totaling \$3,000.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Wirt to hire Guthrie Center Communications to develop a Guthrie County website for \$50 per page. All ayes.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

May 26, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

Randall Handley with Cost Advisory Services, Inc. (CASI) was present to discuss providing the county with cost allocation services. Handley presented the Board with a 3 year contract for FY 2005, 2006 & 2007.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Bench to approve a 3 year contract with CASI for an amount not to exceed \$3,850. All ayes.

Kris Katzmann presented the Board with a cost comparison for a 3" asphalt overlay versus seal coating. Katzmann estimated that seal coating costs \$9,892 per mile, and a 3" asphalt overlay costs \$117,530 per mile. Katzmann noted that the life of the seal coat is 2-5 years and the life of a 3" asphalt overlay is approximately 10 years.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

June 2, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

Steve Patterson was present to discuss the Lake Panorama On-Site Wastewater Management District Rules Revisions.

Motion by Caraher, seconded by Bench to adopt Resolution #05-32, revising the Rules for the Lake Panorama On-Site Wastewater Management District. All ayes.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Laughery to approve a fireworks permit for Joeseph Scheiring on July 4, 2005 at Shady Beach, Lake Panorama. All ayes.

Engineer Kris Katzmann was present to update the Board on 2 ongoing road construction projects. Katzmann also relayed that the completed chip seal projects have been swept.

Steve Smith was present on behalf of the Guthrie Center, Adair-Casey, West Central Valley and Coon Rapids Bayard School Districts to present the Board a motion calling for a School Infrastructure Local Option Sales Tax (SILO).

Discussion was held. Laughery noted that this was a question for the voters to decide.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Bench to set the date of the SILO election for 8/23/05. Petersen, Wirt, Bench, Laughery – Aye. Caraher – Nay.

Mike and Marjorie Crabbs were present to ask the Board to remove stumps from the ditch adjacent to their property. Crabbs informed the Board that he would like to be able to mow the ditch, in order to prevent trees from re-establishing in the ditch.

Laughery informed Crabbs that he would look at the area in question, but that the county policy is not to remove stumps from the road ditch.

John Rutledge
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Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

June 7, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench and Larry Laughery.

One bid was received on the 30 acres m/l of hay ground in Jackson Township.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Bench to accept bid from Jim Arganbright for \$42 per acre. All ayes.

Roger Baird was present to discuss the hire of an additional deputy effective June 27, 2005.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Laughery to hire Jeremy Long as a full time deputy at 70% of Sheriff's salary, effective June 27, 2005. All ayes.

Kris Katzmann was present to discuss ongoing projects. Bench requested that Katzmann provide the Board with a low water crossing option for the Beaver River Bridge.

Minutes from the 6/2/05 meeting were read and approved.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Laughery to appoint Robert Hollwager to the Regional Airport Authority Board. All Ayes.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

June 9, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench, and Larry Laughery.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Laughery to approve fireworks permit for Larry Davis. All ayes.

Joe Hanner was present to inform the Board of hail damage at Nation's Bridge. Hanner invited the Board to participate on a trip to the Root River Trail in Minnesota to explore the economic opportunities associated with bike trails. Hanner discussed salary discrepancies among employees of different departments.

Kris Katzmann was present to discuss the acquisition of right of way.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Bench to acquire right of way from Starr for project L-CA 229B-73-39. All ayes.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Bench to acquire right of way from Kopaska for project L-SE 261-73-39. All ayes.

Roger Baird was present to inform the Board that he will be trading in an existing vehicle for a new one. The Board decided to have Baird trade in the current courthouse car, and retain the Sheriff's 2000 Crown Victoria in it's place.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

June 14, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher and Lonnie Bench.

Kris Katzmann presented two payroll changes and a materials inspection costs approval to the Board.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Wirt to approve a longevity raise for Randy Clipperton to \$20.56 per hour effective 7/2/05 and a end of probation raise for Craig Lundy to \$13.22 per hour effective 7/10/05. All ayes.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Bench to approve the payment of materials inspection costs of \$650.35. All ayes.

Discussion of a fence issue with Doug Sheeder. Katzmann and Petersen will visit site for assessment.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Caraher to approve fireworks permits for Dan Lehman for 7/3/05 and 7/9/05 at 4307 Hickory, Lake Panorama. All ayes.

Motion by Caraher, seconded by Bench to abate taxes for the City of Guthrie Center on 307 South 5th Street. All ayes.

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Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

June 16, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Larry Laughery.

Discussion was held regarding the salary for Kristine Jorgensen, Historical Village Curator. It was noted that Jorgensen's salary has lagged behind other county positions.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Laughery to set Jorgensen's salary at \$22,129 from 7/1/05 to 12/31/05, and to increase to \$23,379 on 1/1/06. All ayes.

The Board noted that they would amend the FY06 Historical village budget to accommodate the increased salary, FICA and IPERS.

Kris Katzmann presented the Board with a Right of Way acquisition and a project contract.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Laughery to acquire right of way from the LPA for \$350. All ayes.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Wirt to award contract for L-CA229B--73-39 to Gus Construction. All ayes.

Darcia Robson was present to inform the Board that the State Paper program has been discontinued.

John Rutledge presented the Board with an amendment to the county health plan, noting that it waived deductible for x-rays and lab tests when done in conjunction with a doctor's visit. Rutledge noted that this amendment was necessary to fulfill the secondary roads contract effective 7/1/06.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Wirt to approve the Third Amendment to the Guthrie County Health Plan. All ayes.

Marcia Kindred and Jackie Sloss were present to discuss imaging hardware. Sloss relayed that the existing optical drive is in need of replacement. Sloss informed the Board that she feels this should be a Board expense, as many of the offices use this drive.

Kindred discussed the purchase of a scanner with the Board. Kindred relayed that she would like to start storing her records electronically. The Board informed Kindred that the scanner should come out of her budget, as it was exclusive to her office.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Laughery to purchase a refurbished optical scanner and 1 year of upgrade assurance for paperclip software. All ayes.

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County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

June 21, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench, and Larry Laughery.

Minutes from the 6/14/05 and 6/16/05 meetings were read and approved.

Dean Downing was present to discuss the leak in the air conditioner condenser. A letter will be drafted to Carrier regarding the leaking coil.

Kris Katzmann was present to discuss ongoing projects. Wirt informed Katzmann of a plugged tube in Section 24 of North Cass. Wirt asked Katzmann to remind the road graders to pay extra attention to the transition between the roads and bike trail.

Motion by Caraher, seconded by Bench to approve a mileage rate increase for the Emergency Management Coordinator from \$.26 to \$.35. All ayes.

Motion by Caraher, seconded by Wirt to abate taxes for the City of Bayard on 104 Second Street. All ayes.

Jim Petersen signed contracts for previously approved hay ground lease with Arganbright and Website development with GC Communications.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

June 23, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench, and Larry Laughery.

Marilyn Wolfe was present to discuss household hazardous waste collection date. Wolfe explained that the county would coordinate the program through Carroll Co.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Bench to hold household hazardous waste collection in Coon Rapids on July 9, 2005 with the county funding \$1,000. All ayes. The Board asked Wolfe to coordinate advertising for this program.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Caraher to approve contract with Design Alliance, Charles Saul Engineering and Western Waterproofing for \$3,178 to perform a structural analysis on the courthouse architectural panels. All ayes.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Caraher to approve fireworks permit for Craig Little on July 4, 2005 at his residence. All ayes.

A letter from Mary Benton was presented and reviewed. Benton requested to hire Val Cramer for the part-time Attorney's assistant.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Caraher to hire Val Cramer as part-time Attorney's assistant at a annual salary of \$12,000 effective 7/1/05. All ayes.

A manure management plan was signed for Kempf Farms.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

June 28, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Jerry Caraher, Lonnie Bench, and Larry Laughery.

Janell Stringham presented the Public Health statistical report and May Board of Health Minutes.

Kris Katzmann was present to discuss ongoing projects. Laughery asked Katzmann to investigate a complaint about a mud road in Section 15 of Valley Township.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Bench to accept the resignation of Dalton Hoover from the Planning and Zoning Commission. All ayes.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Laughery to appoint Dennis Hoover to the Planning and Zoning Commission until 12/31/07. All ayes.

Motion by Caraher, seconded by Laughery to re-appoint Dennis Hoover to the Veteran's Affairs Commission. All ayes.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Caraher to approve a fireworks permit for the LPA on 8/6/05. All ayes.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Laughery to allow the Recorder to install a new door in her office with records management funds. All ayes.

The Board entered the Public Meeting Room for the public hearing to amend the Assessor's budget. Present were Barry Stetzel; Assessor, Dennis Kunkle, Robert Kreimeyer, and Jim Petersen; Assessor's Board. Also present were John Rutledge, Lonnie Bench, Larry Laughery, Jerry Caraher and Kevin Wirt.

The Assessor's Board approved the Amended Budget unanimously following a brief discussion.

The Board re-convened immediately following the Assessor's Budget Amendment Hearing.

CW Thomas, Don Walters & Jim Laughery were present on behalf of the Fair Board to request the transfer of their remaining budget into the amphitheater fund. The Fair Board presented three planning concepts that are under consideration, noting that each concept moves any new construction farther away from the river.

Motion by Laughery, seconded by Wirt to transfer \$7,024.84 to the amphitheater fund. All ayes.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GUTHRIE COUNTY

Regular Session

June 30, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in delayed session at 10:00 am with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Kevin Wirt, Lonnie Bench.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Wirt to approve Resolution #05-33 to transfer \$7,024.84 from the general fund to the amphitheater fund. All ayes.

Motion by Wirt, seconded by Bench to approve Resolution #05-34 to approve the transfer of funds from General Basic and Rural Services to Secondary Roads to close FY05. All ayes.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Wirt to approve Resolution #05-35 to approve the transfer of funds from General Basic to the Conservation Reserve Fund to close FY05. All ayes.

The Clerk of Court report of fees collected ending 5/05 was reviewed.

Motion by Bench, seconded by Wirt to approve a fireworks permit for JD Kuster for 7/9/05. All ayes.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned at approximately 10:45am.

The Board reconvened at approximately 3:40 pm with the following members present: Jim Petersen, Jerry Caraher, and Lonnie Bench. Cash count was as follows for the year ending 6/30/05:

Transfer Station:	\$250.34
Recorder:	\$530.60
Assessor:	\$20.00
Treasurer:	\$58,668.86
Treasurer (Driver License):	\$236.00
Auditor:	\$50.00
Secondary Roads:	\$50.00

With no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 4:30pm.

John Rutledge
County Auditor

Jim Petersen
Chairman-Board of Supervisors