

WAPELLO COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
3rd Flood Courtroom at Courthouse

DATE: 5-6-2025

TIME: 9:33 a.m.

PRESENT: Darren Batterson, Chair; Bryan Ziegler, Vice Chair; Carrie Teninty, Supervisor; Kelly Spurgeon, Auditor; Chad Drury, Ottumwa Courier; Tim Evans, WCVA Director; Rick Hindsley, WCVA; John Webber; David Will, John Deere/GOPIP; Philip Rath, City of Ottumwa; David Cronin, City of Ottumwa; Sean Canto, City of Ottumwa FD; Troy Pilcher, Ottumwa Fire Dept; Mike Holcomb, Agency Fire & Rescue; Cindy Hewitt, Agency EM; Tom Lazio, Ottumwa; Marc Roe, GOPIP; Shea Greiner, GOPIP; Eddie Peirson, MCG; Amanda Hull, OFD; Edward Hull; Kolton Jones, ORMICS; Mark Frymoyer, ORMICS; Andy Alderson, IT; Rhen Shadduck, IT; Jason Fuller, Jail; Marty Wonderlin, Sheriff's Office; Lisa Kent, Recorder; Laurie Fountain, Treasurer; Jennifer Caldwell, WCA; Kari Short, Attorney; Tim Richmond, EMA; Willene White, NOEL; Dan Reid, City Council; Cory Benge, WCRFD; Don Lewis, Veterans Mobile Food; Ed McDowell; Brenda Curran, Tax Payer; Jared Hershberger, Dusty Fox Wind; Zoom - Deb Roe; Dan; KO; A; Amanda Jones; Marquetta Huffman; Cari Nicely; jhamann.

Chair Batterson opened the meeting. Vice Chair Ziegler moved, seconded by Supervisor Teninty to approve the amended agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Ziegler moved, seconded by Supervisor Teninty to approve the minutes of April 22, 2025 Board Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY: Vice Chair Ziegler moved, seconded by Supervisor Teninty to open the public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried. There were no written comments. Chair Batterson read information on acquiring the building located at 123 E. Third St, Ottumwa in the amount of \$250,000.00. Vice Chair Ziegler stated the cost is the same either way if we keep everyone where they are at. Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to close the public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried. Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve Resolution 26-2025 to acquire real property located in Ottumwa, Iowa. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve Resolution 19-2025 28E Termination of the Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa Region. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve Resolution 23-2025 State Auditor perform Audit FY2024/2025 Auditor's Office. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve Resolution 24-2025 State Auditor perform Audit FY2024/2025 Veteran's Affairs Office. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve Resolution 25-2025 State Auditor perform Audit FY2024/2025 IT Department. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Ziegler moved, seconded by Supervisor Teninty approved fee exemption for new barn addition for Wapello County 4H Expo Inc. they will go thru full inspection process. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve Resolution 20-2025 detour for Closure/Replacement of Bridge on Lake Road. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Ziegler moved, seconded by Supervisor Teninty to approve retirement & release agreement between Dan Terrell & Wapello County. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP) Renewal for 2025/2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve transfer of funds from Fund 02 (Supplemental) to Fund 70 (Emergency Management) in the amount of \$5,687.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Ziegler moved, seconded by Supervisor Teninty to approve Resolution 17-2025 declare Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to be an Essential Service in Wapello County, Iowa as Authorized by Iowa Code Section 422D.1 (Final Reading). All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Ziegler moved, seconded by Supervisor Teninty to approve Trails Council request to make previously discussed changes to the Wabash Bridge for lighting & 2 painting projects at their own risk. All ayes. Motion carried.

Marc Roe with GOPIP requested \$50,000.00 as the Counties contribution for economic development. Dave Will, John Deere supported comments from Marc Roe and was happy with the progress that has been made. Phil Rath with City of Ottumwa stated the agreement that Marc Roe submitted to the Board is similar to what the City has in place. Eddie Pierson, MCG spoke about projects that have been completed. Vice Chair Ziegler stated that with a contribution between \$35,000 - \$50,000 the board would have a seat on the GOPIP Board. The board will consider the contribution at a later date.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve transfer of Funds from Fund 02 (Supplemental) to Fund 85000 (Employee Health Plan) in the amount of \$100,000.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Ziegler moved, seconded by Supervisor Teninty to approve Rocket Fuels and Food Mart Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Permit. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Chair Batterson to table Resolution 21-2025 creating a Wapello County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Council & Appointing Members until May 20, 2025 board meeting. Teninty & Batterson Ayes. Ziegler Nay. Motion carried. Philip Rath, Sean Canto, Troy Pilcher were against the members & process on who were appointed to the Advisory Council. Tom Lazio complimented the Board of Supervisors for their work on this topic.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to table Solutions License/Support Agreement for July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve Nationwide Financial Services, Inc governmental 457(b) plan adoption agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve transfer of title & vehicle for 2018 Chevy Cruze from Wapello County Community Services to Gothic House. Supervisor Teninty asked if this vehicle would be driven back and forth to work. Chair Batterson stated it will only be used for travel to meetings and Gothic House business. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve request from Veterans Affairs Commission requesting VSO Tim Evans raise to be 1.25% every quarter starting July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve request for payroll approval, new hire for Emma Rhodes, PT Correctional Officer effective April 21, 2025 at \$21.50 per hour. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve request for payroll approval, change of employment for Brody Slack from PT Correctional Officer to Temporary FT status effective May 14, 2025 at \$22.50 per hour. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve request for payroll approval, new hire for John Hardin, PT Correctional Officer effective 5/2/2025 at \$21.50 per hour. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve request for payroll approval, change of employment for John Hardin from PT Correctional Officer to Temporary FT status effective May 14, 2025 at \$21.50 per hour. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve request for payroll approval, new hire for Hannan Lyons, Temporary Naturalist/Conservation Aide effective May 1, 2025 at \$15.00 per hour. All ayes. Motion carried.

Claims in the amount of \$100,000.00 for HW Check for April 30, 2025, \$215,373.78 for May 2, 2025 & Payroll in the amount of \$471,834.86 for May 2, 2025 were approved.

10:45 a.m. Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kelly Spurgeon
Wapello County Auditor

Darren Batterson, Chair
Board of Supervisors