

Working Meeting-August 22, 2025
Wapello County Sheriff's Office
330 W. Second St., Ottumwa, IA

Roll Call: Chair Darren Batterson, Vice Chair Brian Ziegler, Supervisor Carrie Teninty, Sheriff Don Phillips, Marty Wonderlin, Chaylee Goodvin, Jason Fuller, Chayce Coene, Jeff Curtis, Jennifer Guerndt, and Karen Wilcoxson.

10:00 am Samuel's Group Inc. Work Session called to order by Chair, Batterson. Motion by Supervisor, Teninty; Seconded by Vice Chair, Ziegler.

Samuels Group Inc. supplied handouts and service agreement information on the process of the project. There are other projects in the packet to compare facility size and location.

Operations study: Feedback on the layout, jail/inmate population, future projection for population, walk through, any building problems, housing needs for population, the trends for collecting the data to predict what the vision of the building will need to meet. Making sure the shared areas and work areas will fit or they will need to be modified as well.

Kitchen, intake area, etc. Will the fenced in parking lot for employees across Main St. be a part of the contract? Projection for increasing the population and staffing. The study will address doing something verses doing nothing. Meaning the cost to continue farming out inmates to other county jails as opposed to building and housing inmates in our own jail.

The data report will give us a better understanding of if we can move forward on the expansion project.

11:28 am a motion for the work session to close was made by Supervisor Teninty; seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler.

Minutes submitted by: Karen Wilcoxson