

Working Session-September 30, 2025

Wapello Building

110 E. Main St., Ottumwa, IA

Roll Call: Chair Darren Batterson, Vice Chair Brian Ziegler, Supervisor Carrie Teninty, Don Phillips, Sheriff Dept.; Marty Wonderlin, Sheriff Dept.; Chaylee Goodvin, Sheriff Dept.; Miranda Bailey, Zoning; Jeff Hamann, Zoning; Robert Pilcher, Secondary Roads; Alisha Allen, Secondary Roads; Andy Alderson, IT; Brad Skinner, Secondary Roads; Rick Johnson, Mayor City of Ottumwa; Julie Lawrence, citizen; Rick Tebbs, WCCB; Lisa Kent, Recorder; Marc Roe, GOPIP; Holly Berg; Kae Bagby, citizen; Mary Stewart, citizen; Deb Schlechter, citizen; Sara Miller, citizen; Lynelle Diers, WCPH; Travis Kaster, Chief Deputy Assessor; Gary Smith, Assessor; Chris Swope, Maintenance; Danielle Weller, Auditors Office; Kevin Holzhauser, citizen; Brenda Case, citizen; Dennis Willhoit, citizen; Arvene Bradley, citizen; Matt Eberl, Apex Clean Energy; Donna Bohlmann, citizen; Roni Hubanks, citizen; Karen Wertheim, citizen; Ellen Stoltz-McGinity, citizen; Cara Galloway, citizen; Scott Sloan, citizen; Lorraine Uehling-Techel, citizen; Marquetta Huffman, MH Advocate; and Karen Wilcoxson, GA.

9:04 am Work Session Meeting called to order by Chair, Batterson. Motion by Supervisor Teninty; seconded Vice Chair, Ziegler. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Timecards – Working with Solutions on a possible link for a new timecard for employees.

Vacation Carry Over – Discussion was to be able to carry over 60 days with approval of your supervisor. Only carry over half of what you earn.

Benefits – Lateral transfer from other counties or with experience for employment. Keep some benefit time after probationary period or 6 months.

Time Worked – Must work 40 hours per week to earn comp or overtime.

Switching payroll to have hourly and salary on the same schedule. Everyone will be notified in advance that there will be one check that will cover 3 weeks and then the next check will cover 1 week. This should get all employees on the same pay schedule. Brittany Canaday will notify everyone when this happens so you can be prepared.

Discussion of Proper Submission of Claims. Submit details with claims – more information the better documentation when an audit is done. Stamp remit copies and include them with the claim. Complete the stamp: Vender #, Account #, Amount, By (Signature), Date. Example: When submitting a Bailey's Claim you can submit the packing slip with the invoice.

Health Stop Loss Renewal – Noel Insurance. Willene White gave a brief presentation on the information packets provided to the Board of Supervisors. She explained this is a review of the policy. She touched on group health coverage for the county employees. She explained the coverage. There are 42 singles and 92 family plans.

Credit Card and Auto Bill Pay update. Chair Batterson said that they are having trouble finding a bank to go through for new Credit Cards without it having extremely high interest rates and the specific number of cards we are looking for.

Supervisor Teninty left the work session/discussion table at 9:57 am when the renewable energy was next item on the agenda.

Chair Batterson and Vice Chair Ziegler went through the Renewable Energy Ordinance Draft and expressed what areas needed to be changed or items that needed to be added/addressed. The citizens who attended had several questions as to what was next and when there would be a vote. Matt Eberl, Apex Clean Energy was present and had a lot of answers for some of the more specific questions being asked by the citizens attending the work session. There also were citizens who said take your time and get the ordinance right because we will be dealing with the wind turbines for a long time and we don't want anything left out of the ordinance.

11:20 am a motion for the work session to close was made by Chair Batterson; seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes submitted by: ksw