

WAPELLO COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
3rd Floor Courtroom/Boardroom at Courthouse

DATE: 10-07-2025

TIME: 9:32 a.m.

PRESENT: Darren Batterson, Chair; Bryan Ziegler, Vice Chair; Carrie Teninty, Supervisor; Chad Drury, Ottumwa Courier; Rick Tebbs, WCCB; Willene White, NOEL; Miranda Bailey, Zoning; Jeff Hamann, Zoning; Brad Skinner, Secondary Roads; Lisa Kent, Recorder; Karen Wilcoxson, GA; Danielle Weller, Auditor's office; Don Phillips, Sheriff; Marc Roe, GOPIP; Bryan Pearson; Dominique Sherrod, Family Heritage Insurance; Zoom: Matt Eberl; A; Laurie Fountain, Treasurer.

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

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve Minutes of the 9-23-2025 Board Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Ziegler moved, seconded by Supervisor Teninty to approve the signing of the plans. The At Grade Railroad Crossing Closures. The Railroad and the D.O.T. will be matching funds for the closure of two crossings for this project of \$100,000.00 each. Totaling \$400,000.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Ziegler moved, seconded by Supervisor Teninty Request for Plan Approval and Authorization to Let. This will be one contract for both projects. Brad's recommendation was to have a work session to discuss these projects further. The date for the work session will be 10-13-2025 at 3:00 at Secondary Roads. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve the agreement between Wapello County and City of Kirksville for Services Provided by Planning and Zoning on the 2-3 rental inspections. All ayes. Motion carried.

Update on Workforce Development Center. The merger will go through 7-1-2026 and the new name will be Eastern Iowa Workforce. There will be paperwork to sign once this happens.

Report on Safety Committee. Willene White has been encouraging us to meet with regular meetings. The next meeting is 10-16-2025. Don has been providing us with some leadership on safety topics and sending out updated handouts to make sure everyone was made aware. We are moving forward with meeting the requirements, reducing our costs and paying more attention to safety.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve Tax Suspension under Iowa Code Section 427.8. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chair Batterson moved, seconded by Supervisor Teninty to deny the Tax Suspension under Iowa Code Section 427.8. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion on getting a policy in place for the tax suspension process. Supervisor Teninty stated that she will get that policy written up so they can approve it.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve Architect Sealed Bids for the Bank Building. Opening and Closing Dates 10-10-2025 to 10-31-2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve Resolution 56-2025 Transfer of Funds from Fund 02 (Supplemental) to Fund 85 (Employee Health Plan) 2025-2026 Contribution. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to set the Public Hearing for Budget Amendment on 10-21-2025 at 9:30 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve amendment to Section 3.2 (page 16) Earnings and Hours of Work in the Employee Handbook. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve amendment to Section 4.2 (page 19) Lateral Transfers in the Employee Handbook. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve amendment to Section 4.2 (page 20) Vacation Scheduling and Carryover. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve Request for Payroll Approval, New Hire for Tysonia Scott to Correctional Officer-Full Time effective 9-22-2025 The pay will be \$24.80 per hour. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve Request for Payroll Approval, New Hire for Jacob Strickler to Correctional Officer-Full Time effective 9-15-2025 The pay will be \$23.00 per hour. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve Request for Payroll Approval, New Hire for Judith Barker to Correctional Officer-Full Time effective 9-22-2025 The pay will be \$23.00 per hour. All ayes. Motion carried

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to accept & file fees collected & disbursed 1st Quarter 2025-26 Recorder's Office. All ayes. Motion carried.

Representative from Globe Life presented the Board with Supplemental Insurance information and asked to share with all county employees.

Claims in the amount of \$200,000.00 and \$246,904.55 were approved on 10-3-2025. Payroll in the amount of \$ 464,526.00 and \$1,064.28 were approved for 10-3-2025.

10:02 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 Supervisor

Submitted: ksw