

Working Session-October 13, 2025
Secondary Roads Department
536 Mills St., Ottumwa, IA

Roll Call: Chair Darren Batterson-not present; Vice Chair Ziegler-present via phone; Willene White, NOEL; Donnie & Lisa Ann Houk, property owners; Brad Skinner, Secondary Roads; Rob Pilcher, Secondary Roads; Karen Wilcoxson, Assistant to Board of Supervisors.

3:00 p.m. Work Session Meeting called to order by Supervisor Teninty. Motion by Supervisor Teninty; seconded Vice Chair, Ziegler. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Brad started the discussion of At Grade Railroad Crossing Closures. There are several at-grade crossings the Railroad and the DOT are willing to match funds to get these closed. Brad talked about meeting with property owners who will be affected by the closures and making sure there are no traffic patterns they are missing before any final closure decisions are made. The roads that are being considered are: 105th Ave./140th St., 60th Ave./ N. of 155th St., North end of Competine 35th Ave. (used quite a bit for farmers). Brad would like to get one of these projects started so the funds are available and there's a continuous flow of funds for other projects. It was discussed that a Board member would go with Brad to talk to the property owners to discuss closures.

Road project 172nd St. will be a new road. A landowner near this new road is requesting to see if it is possible for this crossing to be a quiet crossing. The 25th Ave. bridge over road closure will consist of a ½ mile road replacing the concrete bridge.

Willene White presented on behalf of NOEL Insurance to finalize plan and documents. Wapello County currently has 42 single plans and 92 family plans. COBRA rates need to be decided.

Supervisor Teninty motioned, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler, to leave the insurance rates the same. All ayes. Motion carried.

Work Session scheduled for 10-21-2025 at 11:00 am after Board of Supervisor meeting on the 3rd Floor Boardroom/Courtroom.

3:51p.m. a motion for the work session to close was made by Supervisor Teninty; seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes submitted by: ksw