

Working Session-October 14, 2025

Board of Supervisors

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Board Room/Court Room, Ottumwa, IA

Roll Call: Chair Darren Batterson; Vice Chair Brian Ziegler; Supervisor Carrie Teninty, observing; Chad Drury, Ottumwa Courier; Bryan Pearson; Matt Eberl, Apex; Willene White, NOEL insurance; Brad Skinner, Secondary Roads; Miranda Bailey, Planning and Zoning; Jeffrey Hamann, Planning and Zoning.

10:00 a.m. Work Session Meeting called to order by Chair, Batterson. Motion by Supervisor Teninty; seconded Vice Chair, Ziegler. All ayes. Motion Carried.

The meeting focused on reviewing and revising an ordinance related to renewable energy projects. Key points included debating the decommissioning period, with a compromise on a 12-month initial period extendable by six months. The ordinance's purpose was reaffirmed as promoting public health and economic opportunities. Definitions of "occupied building" and "battery storage" were discussed, with suggestions for clearer language. Concerns about application fees and setback distances for wind turbines and solar panels were raised, with proposals for adjustments. The need for detailed setbacks from public properties and the inclusion of tax obligations were also emphasized. Need a clearer distinction between participating and non-participating structures. Discussion on the quantity limits for wind turbines. Shadow Flicker and noise requirements were addressed. Incorporating more detailed setbacks for Railroad, Des Moines River and highways. Utilizing federal regulations for Railroad and Highways.

11:07 a.m. 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