

WAPELLO COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
Wapello Building 110 E. Main St., Ottumwa, Iowa

DATE: 11-12-2025

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Darren Batterson, Chair; Bryan Ziegler, Vice Chair; Carrie Teninty, Supervisor; Chad Drury, Ottumwa Courier; Danielle Weller, Auditor's Office; Dawn Mitchell, Auditor's Office; Karen Wilcoxson, GA; Trudy Caviness; JoElla Duprey; Ben Foote; Carl Boyd

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

CANVASS OF NOVEMBER 4, 2025 CITY/SCHOOL ELECTION:

Agency – Mayor

Jacob Johnson Received Sixty-Six (66) votes

Scattering Received Two (2) votes

We therefore declare Jacob Johnson duly elected for the office of Mayor for the term of 2 years.

Agency – City Council

Jim Lind Received Fifty (50) votes

Taylor Wolkenhauer Received Sixty-Two (62) votes

Sara Jane Douglas Received Sixty-Two (62) votes

Scattering Received Eight (8) votes

We therefore declare Jim Lind, Taylor Wolkenhauer & Sara Jane Douglas to be duly elected for the office of City Council for the term of 4 years.

Agency – City Council Fill a Vacancy

Lane Morrison Received Seventy-Four (74) votes

Scattering Received One (1) vote

We therefore declare Lane Morrison to be duly elected for the office of City Council to Fill a Vacancy.

Blakesburg – Mayor

Mike DeWild (Write-in-Candidate) Received Twenty-Six (26) votes

Scattering Received Fourteen (14) votes

We therefore declare Mike DeWild duly elected to the office of Mayor for 2 years.

Blakesburg – Council Member

Alex Guthrie (Write-in-Candidate) Received Eleven (11) votes

Blake Deevers (Write-in-Candidate) Received Eleven (11) votes

Scattering Received Forty-Five (45) votes

We therefore declare Alex Guthrie & Blake Deevers duly elected to the office of Council Member for the term of 4 years.

Blakesburg – Council Member Fill a Vacancy

Nicholas Butler (Write-in-Candidate) Received Three (3) votes

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Blake Deevers (Write-in-Candidate) Received Three (3) votes

Scattering Received Sixteen (16) votes
We therefore declare Nick Butler duly elected to the office of Council Member to fill vacancy for the remainder of the term.

Chillicothe – Mayor
John W. Richmond Received Twelve (12) votes
Scattering Received Three (3) votes
We therefore declare John W. Richmond duly elected to the office of Mayor for the term of 2 years.

Chillicothe – Council Member
Deborah K. Richmond Received Twelve (12) votes
David Dalbey Received Fourteen (14) votes
Troy Ragen Received Twelve (12) votes
Rebecca Jaques Received Thirteen (13) votes
Mark Johnston (Write-in-Candidate) Received Four (4) votes
Alan Johnston (Write-in-Candidate) Received Four (4) votes
Scattering Received Twelve (12) votes
We therefore declare Deborah K. Richmond, David Dalbey, Troy L. Ragen, Rebecca Jaques & Mark Johnston duly elected to the office of Council Member for the term of 2 years.

Eddyville – Mayor
Doug Greenlee (Write-in-Candidate) Received Thirty-Six (36) votes
Scattering Received Fifty-Four (54)

Eddyville – Council Member
Bryce Wursta Received Ninety-Two (92) votes
Wade Francis (Write-in-Candidate) Received Twenty-Two (22) votes
Ralph Lobberecht (Write-in-Candidate) Received Fifteen (15) votes
Jerry Upah (Write-in-Candidate) Received Ten (10) votes
Robert Veldhuizen (Write-in-Candidate) Received Ten (10) votes
Scattering Received Eighty-three (83) votes

Eldon – Mayor
Randy Lee McClure Received One hundred-ten (110) votes
Roger Gosnell Received Fifty (50) votes
Jerry Potts (Write-in-Candidate) Received Eighteen (18) votes
Scattering Received Twelve (12) votes
We therefore declare Randy Lee McClure duly elected to the office of Mayor for the term of 2 years.

Eldon – Council Member
Andrew Birch Received One hundred twenty-seven (127) votes
Craig Brown Received One hundred forty-one (141) votes
Scattering Received Eighteen (18) votes
We therefore declare Andrew Birch & Craig Brown duly elected to the office of Council Member for the term of 4 years.

Kirkville – Mayor

Sean Strothman Received Twenty-Nine (29) votes

Scattering Received One (1) vote

We therefore declare Sean Strothman to be duly elected for the office of Mayor for the term of 2 years.

Kirkville – City Council

Mary McCollum Received Twenty-Four (24) votes

John VanDenBerg Received Twenty-One (21) votes

Jeremy Atchison Received Twenty-Seven (27) votes

Cory Ransford Received Twenty-Five (25) votes

Karl Wilz Received Twenty-Eight (28) votes

Scattering Received One (1) vote

We therefore declare Mary McCollum, John VanDenBerg, Jeremy Atchison, Cory Ransford, & Karl Wilz to be duly elected for the office of City Council for the term of 4 years.

Ottumwa – Mayor

Brenda Case Received One Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty-Four (1,284) votes

Benjamin Foote Received One Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-Nine (1,299) votes

Scattering Received Eight (8) votes

We therefore declare Benjamin Foote duly elected to the office of Mayor for the term of 4 years.

Ottumwa – City Council

JoElla Duprey Received One Thousand Three Hundred and Forty-Five (1,345) votes

Ean B. Troester Received Six Hundred and Eighty-two (682) votes

Cara Galloway Received One Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty-Nine (1,429) votes

Hector Hernandez Received One Thousand One Hundred and Nine (1,109) votes

Dan Reid Received One Thousand Three Hundred and Ten (1,310) votes

Scattering Received Thirty (30) votes

We therefore declare JoElla Duprey, Cara Galloway & Dan Reid to be duly elected for the office of City Council for the term of 4 years.

Cardinal School Director

Andy Noe Received Two Hundred and Forty-Seven (247) votes

Timothy Albert Received Two Hundred and Forty-Five (245) votes

Scattering Received Six (6) votes

Eddyville–Blakesburg–Fremont School Director District 6

Curt M. Houk Received Twenty-Eight (28) votes

Kyle Teach Received Forty-Eight (48) votes

Scattering Received Zero (0) votes

We therefore declare Kyle Teach to be duly elected for the office of Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont School Director District 6.

Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont School Director District 7

Eric Klyn Received Sixty-Four (64) votes

Scattering Received Zero (0) votes

Pekin School Director District 3

Scattering Received Four (4) votes

Pekin School Director District 5

John Joseph Greiner Received Sixteen (16) votes

Linda Brock Received Twenty-three (23) votes

Scattering Received Zero (0) votes

Pekin School Director

Kortney Baumberger Received Thirty (30) votes

Scattering Received Four (4)

Pekin School Director District 1 To Fill a Vacancy

JD Olinger Received Thirty-Seven (37) votes

Scattering Received One (1) vote

Fairfield School Director

Cody Freeman Received Zero (0) votes

Mark Porter Received Zero (0) votes

Terry Wells Received Zero (0) votes

Scattering Received Zero (0) votes

Ottumwa School Director

Becky Ingle Received One Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty-One (1,351) votes

Brett White Received One Thousand Five Hundred and Ten (1,510) votes

Dawn Sievertsen Received One Thousand and Fifty-Three (1,053) votes

Himar Hernandez Received One Thousand One Hundred and Sixty-One (1,161) votes

Dusty Ware Received One Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety-Nine (1,499) votes

Scattering Received Eighteen (18) votes

We therefore declare Becky Ingle, Brett White & Dusty Ware to be duly elected for the office of Ottumwa School Director.

Indian Hills Community College Director District 1

Beth Danowsky Received Thirty-Five (35) votes

Scattering Received Zero (0) votes

Indian Hills Community College Director District 4

Lori Yates Received Eight Hundred and Twenty-Five (825) votes

Scattering Received Thirteen (13) votes

Indian Hills Community College Director District 5

Richard J. Gaumer Received One Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty-Two (1,422) votes

Scattering Received Fifteen (15) votes

We therefore declare Richard J. Gaumer to be duly elected for the office of Indian Hills Community College Director District 5.

Public Measure "A"

Summary: To authorize imposition of a local sales and service tax in the City of Agency, that will continue without repeal of the existing local sales and services tax at the rate of one percent (1%) to be effective on January 1, 2026, until repealed. A local sales and services tax shall be imposed in the City of Agency that will continue without repeal of the existing local sales and services tax at the rate one percent (1%) to be effective on January 1, 2026, until repealed. Revenues from the sales and services tax are to be allocated as follows: 0% for property relief. The specific purpose for which the revenues shall otherwise be expended are: 100% for Capital Project Fund.

For the question, there were: Fifty-eight (58) votes
Against the question, there were: Sixteen (16) votes
We therefore declare Public Measure "A" to be adopted.

Public Measure "B"

Summary: To authorize imposition of a local sales and service tax in the City of Kirkville, that will continue without repeal of the existing local sales and services tax at the rate of one percent (1%) to be effective on January 1, 2026, until repealed. A local sales and services tax shall be imposed in the City of Kirkville that will continue without repeal of the existing local sales and services tax at the rate one percent (1%) to be effective on January 1, 2026, until repealed. Revenues from the sales and services tax are to be allocated as follows: 0% for property tax relief. The specific purpose for which the revenues shall otherwise be expended are: 100% for any lawful purpose.

For the question, there were: Twenty-nine (29) votes
Against the question, there were: One (1) vote
We therefore declare Public Measure "B" to be adopted.

Public Measure "LR"

Shall the Board of Directors of the Fairfield Community School District in the Counties of Jefferson, Henry, Van Buren, Wapello and Washington, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$39,500,000 to provide funds to build, furnish and equip a new middle school building, including site improvements?

For the question, there were: Zero (0) votes
Against the question, there were: Zero (0) votes

Chair Batterson moved, seconded by Supervisor Teninty to accept the results of the November 4, 2025 City/School Election 1st Tier Canvas as read. All ayes. Motion carried.

There has been a request for a recount. The paperwork was filed by Brenda Case on 11-10-2025. Brenda Case & Benjamin Foote can each have up to 5 observers for the recount process. This is administered by the Auditor & Staff will do the recount. It is counted the same as on election day by machine. To trigger a recount, it must be less than 1% or 50 votes. There's no additional expense to have a recount. It is precincts 1-10 & the absentee.

9:50 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