

Working Session-November 18, 2025
Board of Supervisors
Board of Supervisors Office, Ottumwa, IA

Roll Call: Chair Darren Batterson; Vice Chair Brian Ziegler; Supervisor Carrie Teninty, Dave Dobson, Senior Project Architect with MGA; Kyle Martin, President and Principal Architect with MGA ; Karen Wilcoxson, Assistant to the Board of Supervisors.

10:48 a.m. Work Session Meeting called to order by Chair, Batterson. Motion by Vice Chair, Ziegler; seconded Supervisor Teninty. All ayes. Motion Carried.

The meeting introduced the project team, including Martin Gardner Architecture (MGA) and Paragon Interiors, with a focus on a significant public infrastructure project. MGA, with 40 years of experience, specializes in smaller and rural communities, while Paragon, a women-owned firm, emphasizes intentional design and client experience. KCL Engineering, a national Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) consulting firm, highlighted their extensive experience in similar projects. The project will involve extensive renovations, including HVAC, electrical, and technology systems. The team discussed the importance of user personas, budget tracking, and leveraging local contractors. The goal is to create an efficient, safe, and user-friendly space that meets community needs.

We will be consolidating multiple offices in this area. We need more restrooms, and the easy flow of the area so departments are easy to find without a dedicated greeter, a desire for every office area to have a view of daylight, safety of the employees, and the importance of using local contractors for this project.

11:39 a.m. a motion for the work session to adjourn was made by Supervisor Teninty; seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes submitted by: ksw