

Working Session-January 22,2026
Board of Supervisors
Board of Supervisors Office, Ottumwa, IA

Roll Call: Chair Darren Batterson; Vice Chair Carrie Teninty; Ziegler, Kelly Spurgeon, Auditor; Don Phillips, Sheriff; Marty Wonderlin, Sheriff Dept; Karen Wilcoxson, Assistant to the Board of Supervisors; Brad Skinner, Engineer/Secondary Roads.
Supervisor Bryan-absent.

12:45 p.m. Work Session Meeting called to order by Chair, Batterson. Motion by Chair Batterson, Vice Chair Teninty, seconded. All ayes. Motion Carried.

This budget meeting discussed the county's revenue and expenditure.

Secondary Roads- Brad and upcoming projects – referred to the 5-year program. Brad said the design for the Eldon Bridge will take at least one year before the project begins. Safety clothing was discussed. There are funds through ICAP and DHS to assist with supplying some of the safety clothing. Brittany C. has created a specific line item for overtime. Brad will have the specifics for the Second Engineer to the Board by 2/10/2026. Brad would like to see this person follow him for one year before his retirement. There's a budget line item for this position.

Sheriff Department- Don and Marty discussed the overtime issues and talked about how we can make changes. Discussion on Big jail problems and a medical provider for inmates. There is a high population of inmates with city charges in our jail.

Other budgets discussed were Treasurer, County Attorney and Public Health.

Considering ways to make cut backs to the budget without cutting any staff.

Next Budget meeting will be January 26, 2026 @ 1:00 p.m.

3:52 p.m. a motion for the work session to adjourn was made by Chair Batterson, seconded by Vice Chair Teninty. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes submitted by: ksw