

Working Session-January 26,2026
Board of Supervisors
Board of Supervisors Office, Ottumwa, IA

Roll Call: Chair Darren Batterson; Vice Chair Carrie Teninty; Supervisor Bryan Ziegler, Kelly Spurgeon, Auditor; Don Phillips, Sheriff; Karen Wilcoxson, Assistant to the Board of Supervisors.

1:04 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, expenditure, payroll, and ways to make cutbacks in the budget.

Discussion – Looking at pay raises tentatively \$1.00 county wide for all employees. No raise for Board of Supervisors or Elected Officials. Cut the hours of the courthouse employees to 8:00-4:00.

Sheriff Department- Don reviewed a few items again that were already discussed in the previous meeting. overtime, jail population and staffing.

Other budgets discussed were Treasurer, County Attorney, Public Health, Recorder, Auditor, Secondary Roads, EMA, VA, Conservation, Public Health, Gothic, Library, GIS, and Zoning. Some changes were made to the department budget if there wasn't any money spent within the line item.

Looking into how many employees over 65 that are still on County insurance.

The amount of money that is spent on juvenile and possible reimbursement for this service from other counties.

Considering ways to make cutbacks to the budget without cutting any staff.

Next Budget meeting will be February 2, 2026 @ 2:30 p.m.

3:57 p.m. A motion for the work session to adjourn was made by Vice Chair Teninty, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes submitted by: ksw