

Working Session-February 2,2026
Board of Supervisors
Board of Supervisors Office, Ottumwa, IA

Roll Call: Chair Darren Batterson; Vice Chair Carrie Teninty; Supervisor Bryan Ziegler, Kelly Spurgeon, Auditor; Karen Wilcoxson, Assistant to the Board of Supervisors; Andy Alderson, IT; Miranda Bailey, Zoning; Willene White, NOEL.

2:34 p.m. Work Session Meeting called to order by Chair, Batterson. Motion by Vice Chair Teninty, Supervisor Ziegler, seconded. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Willene spoke on behalf of employees who are over 65 and on county insurance. She explained the incentive for those on Medicare Part A & B and they can be reimbursed by the county. Other comparisons of different options for employee insurance plans. A pre-taxed account was another option discussed to offer employees.

This budget meeting discussed the county's revenue, expenditure, payroll, and ways to make cutbacks.

IT – Andy talked about items that were flexible in his budget that could be put on hold until next year. There was discussion about the new time clock system. What it would look like to discontinue some of the cell phones being paid for by the county. Andy will look into savings on some of the server licenses county wide and try to save some money.

Zoning – Miranda paged through her budget with the Supervisors. They talked about raising some of fees for services. They are looking into if there's room for another employee or a part-time employee in the budget to help cover when Jeff is on vacation. There's a need for a new vehicle for them to carry inspection equipment in when out on a job site. Miranda presented two different estimates for a vehicle. She plans to continue to look for a lower estimate.

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

Next Budget meeting will be to be posted.

5:48 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