

Working Session-February 9, 2026  
Board of Supervisors  
Secondary Roads Office Ottumwa, IA

Roll Call: Chair Darren Batterson; Vice Chair Carrie Teninty; Supervisor Bryan Ziegler; Karen Wilcoxson, Assistant to the Board of Supervisors; Mirand Bailey, Zoning; Jeff Hamann, Zoning; Kelly Spurgeon, Auditor; Cindy Paris, VA; Tim Evans, VA Director; Rick Hindsley, VA; Stephen Croft, VA; Eric Livingston, VA.

11:30 a.m. Work Session Meeting called to order by Chair, Batterson. Motion by Vice Chair Teninty; Supervisor, Ziegler seconded. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Jeff and Miranda from Zoning touched on DNR, HHS and Board of Health mandates regarding polluting water, Nuisance calls, sending letters to River Lots so they can get them 911 labeled for emergency and Sheriff calls, raising fees on permits, and how they could make it work if they were to share an employee with the City. There's a lot of grants available to help pay for certifications and fees.

VA – Tim Evans and 4 commissioners attended this meeting. They talked about how well things are operating. It was covered some of the changes that have been made in the program, how many veterans Tim has gotten signed up for benefits and the number of veterans waiting as paperwork has been submitted. Things they really want in the next budget year are an assistant and a raise for Tim. They need some guidance as things are not getting paid out of the proper line items. It was discussed they should be filing quarterly reports.

Other items discussed were wage increases, not allowing any budget amendments, Insurance rates, the new deputy coming out of rural funds, moving court administration to the Wapello Building so we can save money on rent, requiring all overtime to be cut, making sure those who take county vehicles home are being taxed, purchasing equipment, and looking for a new engineer and the salary for the position.

4:48 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