

WAPELLO COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
3rd Floor Courtroom/Boardroom at Courthouse

DATE: 4-7-2026

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Darren Batterson, Chair; Carrie Teninty, Vice Chair; Bryan Ziegler, Supervisor; Chad Drury, Ottumwa Courier; Karen Wilcoxson, Assistant to the Board of Supervisors; Miranda Bailey, Zoning; Lisa Kent, Recorder; Danielle Weller, Auditor's Office ; Brad Skinner, Secondary Roads; Travis Kaster, Assessor; Rhen Shaddock, IT; Willene White, NOEL; Don Phillips, Sheriff; Tom Lazio; Peggy Lazio; Kevin Holzhauser; Dennis Willhoit; Rick Hindsley, VA; Deb Fenton-Roe, VA; John Moreland; Don Lewis; Eric Livingston; Robert Blackwell; Stephen Croft; Pam Schulz; Doug McAntire; Ken Phillips; Tim Evans, VA; Lyle Goodwin; Cindy Paris; Katie Howard; Zoom: A; G; Rpilcher; Corey Eberling; Laurie Fountain; Michael G.

Chair Batterson opened the meeting Supervisor Ziegler moved, seconded by Vice Chair Teninty to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Teninty moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve Minutes of March 24, 2026, Board Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Teninty moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to open the Public Hearing for Budget 2026-2027. All ayes. Motion carried. No written comments. **Verbal comments:** Dennis Willhoit 334 E. Fifth St. Dennis is inquiring about public notice requirements on posting budget related meetings. Under Iowa Law Counties are required to post on County websites and social media. He claims he could not find where the March 24 or April 7 meetings were posted. It was made known that the Wapello County Facebook page is not fully operational yet, but the agenda was posted on 3/13/2026 for the 3/24/2026 meeting on the Wapello County, Iowa official website under agenda & minutes and it was also published in the Ottumwa Courier as required. The 4/7/2026 meeting was posted on 4/3/2026 with a revision posting on 4/6/2026 a little bit after 8:00 a.m. Eric Livingston is speaking on behalf of the Veterans Affairs Commission. He made it known that Item 5 on the agenda Tim Evans the Director would be speaking, but he thinks the budget needs to be addressed. They submitted a budget request of \$117,000.00 it has been reduced to \$103,000.00. It was made known that Tim started in the hole and had been doing amazing things to help veterans while also working on the backlog of files that were not completed. There's been a request for an assistant for Tim to help 20 hours a week. Eric offered to wait and discuss this on agenda item 5. Tim Evans VSO Director – Annual report 1434 veterans have been assisted since Tim started seeing Veterans since June 2, 2025. FY2026 assistance has been \$1,836 in food, \$1,618 Rent and \$484. in Utility assistance. Rick Hindsley reiterated the need for help for Tim and what a great job he does. Deb Fenton-Roe made it known how many files in his office and the commission are not properly trained in order to assist him with any of the old cases that aren't resolved. She also spoke on behalf of a new bill that

looks like it will pass on the amount the state will give based on a percentage on projected growth. The question was asked if the 28E Agreement between the other counties could assist with backlog. Stephen Croft gave a little education on the number of veterans in Wapello County receiving benefits. Stephen requested there be a helper for Tim. Discussion about the \$10,000 Tim gets if part of it can be used for paying a part-time employee. The only way it can be used is if the Board of Supervisors agrees to fund the employee for the next two years after. Katie Howard expressed that people need to get in contact with a Representative or Senator considering a bill to get something in the works that volunteers can be trained to assist in Veteran Office's. Board reports The budget has been submitted, and changes cannot be made at this time. Tim's Board stated they would rather have a part-time helper and forgo the raise. The part-time help has to be certified. Vice Chair Teninty moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler motion to close Public Hearing. All ayes. Motion carried. Vice Chair Teninty moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve Resolution 6-2026 Adopt FY 2026-2027 Budget. The Board of Supervisors shared that all Departments helped absorb the cuts to the budget. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Teninty moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to open the Public Hearing for Rezoning Application for Land from R-1 (Residential) to C-2 (Highway Service Commercial) Submitted by Waylon Raines. No written comments. **Verbal Comments:** A neighbor across from Waylon called with concerns at first until he found out how small the lot would be and it would be all clean title vehicles. Mr. & Mrs. Brown 5638 Madison Ave also called with concerns and once they knew salvage titles were not allowed, they gave their approval. Waylon said it is really close to business area, and he plans to have a shed with electric added to it for the office. Supervisor Ziegler moved, seconded by Vice Chair Teninty to close Public Hearing. All ayes. Motion carried. Vice Chair Teninty moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to Waive 2nd & 3rd Hearing. All ayes. Motion carried. Vice Chair Teninty moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve Resolution 10-2026 approval of rezoning application submitted by Waylon Raines. All ayes. Motion carried.

Veterans Affairs – Annual Report information was shared during the public hearing.

John Moreland presented a request proposing the Big Court Room be named after Judge Daugherty who served 35 years and a framed photo be hung up in the courtroom. Once there's a date set we can post it to do a formal presentation. Vice Chair Teninty moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve naming the courtroom after Judge Daugherty. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Teninty moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve Resolution 8-2026 2025 Utility Values. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Teninty moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve Resolution 9-2026 Transfer of Funds from 02000 (General Supplemental) to fund 85000 (Health Fund). All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ziegler moved, seconded by Vice Chair Teninty to approve Officer Training Reimbursement Agreement with Tayton Ricard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Teninty moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve Resolution 11-2026 Comp and Assign County Held Tax Sale Certificate to Dominique McCormack. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Teninty moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve Resignation Letter from Kelly Spurgeon. Kelly's last day is April 30, 2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors requested Danielle Weller to speak on behalf of the vacancy to let others know the process. With the Auditor resigning this will create a vacancy in the office. The Board can appoint someone or call for a special election. If an appointment is the decision that is made it needs to take place within 40 days of the vacancy. There will be a notice in the Ottumwa Courier explaining the process and if appointment is the decision the public could Petion for a special election. If appointment is the decision, it will only be until November. The vacancy will go on the ballot for election.

Travis Kaster, Assessor announced that Governor Reynolds declared Wapello County a disaster proclamation which will change some things for the Assessor's Office. Typical appeal dates are April 2-April 30 and are now extended to June 5.

Payroll in the amount of \$300,000.00 on 3/31/2026. Claims in the amount of \$244,026.12 & payroll in the amount of \$505,564.39 on 4/3/2026 were approved.

10:38 a.m. Vice Chair Teninty moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kelly Spurgeon
Wapello County Auditor

Darren Batterson, Chair
Board of Supervisor

Submitted: ksw