

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

DATE: 4-21-2026

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; Andy Alderson, IT; Valerie McElroy, Treasurer's Office; Autum Wonderlin, Recorder's Office; Willene White, NOEL; Don Phillips, Sheriff; Corey Eberling; Debra Emery; Marlys Breon-Drish; Dennis Willhoit; Gary Benell; George Watts; Duane Heisdorffer; Wendell Dimmitt; Jon Schuttlefield; Dianna Schuttlefield; Jon Shuttifield Jr.; Jerald Harter; Vicki L. Crouse; Paul Crouse; Doug Crouse; Terri Carr; Craig Sylvester; Susan Sylvester; Michelle Miller; Kris Miller; Brad Sylvester; Mike McCarty; Denise Brain; Deb Schlechter; David Durflinger; Becki Schramm; Carson Smith; Zoom: A; G; R pilcher; Marquetta.

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

Supervisor Ziegler moved, seconded by Vice Chair Teninty to approve the Minutes of April 7, 2026, Board Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Teninty moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve contingent of the approval from the County Attorney the Standard Agreement Between Wapello County Board of Supervisors and Encite Architecture + Design for Wapello County Building Renovation. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Teninty moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve Wapello County Issued Credit Cards Policy. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Teninty moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve Winger Quote for County Highway Cameras. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Teninty moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve Opioid Funds for purchasing Deterra Household Mailing in the amount of \$41,148.64. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Teninty moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve removal of Lock Boxes at the Bank Building to go up for public bid. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Teninty moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve the Appointment of Danielle Weller to fill Vacancy of the Auditor. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ziegler moved, seconded by Vice Chair Teninty to approve of Iowa DOT Budget and 5-Yr Construction Program for Wapello County. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Teninty moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve the Leave of Absence from Danielle Weller for the position of Deputy Auditor. All ayes. Motion carried.

Safety Committee – Supervisor Ziegler gave a review I would rather be spending money on safety equipment rather than work comp claims. In the future we could maybe look at an additional safety budget other than the individual departments to see if we can help reduce work comp claims. Updated safety response plans presented by EMA.

Supervisor Ziegler moved, seconded by Vice Chair Teninty to approve Maintenance Agreement for Generator with Altorfer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Teninty moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve Resolution 12-2026 Homestead & Homestead 65 Disallowance for 2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Teninty moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve Resolution 13-2026 to Amend Resolution 7-2026 – Compromise and Abate Taxes on a Building on Leased Land. All ayes. Motion carried.

Set Date for Public Hearing - Renewable Energy Ordinance. This item was tabled until May 5, 2026 Board Meeting. The Board of Supervisors had a 3-hour mediation/work session with Eric Updegraff, Attorney from Des Moines. The packet in this meeting reflects his mediation. It was asked if the Ordinance goes back to the Planning and Zoning (P & Z) Committee for a vote. It depends on how much language is changed. We need to ask the County Attorney or Eric Updegraff if this will need to go back to P & Z. A few remarks from citizens attending the meeting: Craig Sylvester- Expressed not being in favor of the Ordinance. Susan Sylvester- Not in favor of the solar farms. Carson Smith – In favor of the revised ordinance and changes made. Mike McCarty – More destruction and damage. Not in favor of the solar or wind turbines. Worried who will own the turbines in the future. Denise Brain – She is not in favor. She doesn't want prime farmland to be destroyed. Duane Heisdorffer - Not in favor. Worried about property de-evaluation, health issues and stray voltage. Jerald Harter – Not in favor. Brent Adam – Not in favor. We live in the breadbasket of the world, and we need to grow food for the world. There may be a special meeting called by P & Z once an attorney has looked over the Ordinance to see how to proceed.

Supervisor Ziegler moved, seconded by Vice Chair Teninty to approve Purchase Agreement with Albia Ford for a Planning and Zoning Vehicle. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ziegler moved, seconded by Vice Chair Teninty to accept and file Treasurer's Investment Report: March 2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ziegler moved, seconded by Vice Chair Teninty to accept and file Auditor's FY 2025-2026 3rd Quarter Cash Drawer Balance. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ziegler moved, seconded by Vice Chair Teninty to accept and file Recorder's Report of Fees Collected/Disbursed 3rd Quarter 2025-2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

Other Business – Vice Chair Teninty questioned why the new working foreman approval wasn't on the agenda. Brad stated he thought we would discuss it in the Work Session today & it would go on the 5-5-2026 agenda. Vice Chair Teninty is in possession of an email for a records request that took 4 months to get the request. The request was a resignation that was submitted in December 2025. The request was rescinded within the 24-hour period. It was in question if the rescinded resignation was in writing. It was not. Lisa Kent is not running and will be stepping down as Recorder. Plans to continue working under Autum Wonderlin who is running unopposed. A few Retirements to announce. Secondary Roads Dept. – Scott Pilcher 33 years. Auditor - Kelly Spurgeon 29 years. Assessor's Office - Tammy Headley 30 years.

Payroll in the amount of \$451,240.72 and Claims in the amount of \$457,622.76 on 4/17/2026 were approved.

10:25 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