

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

DATE: 9-17-2024

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Brian Morgan, Chair; Darren Batterson, Vice Chair; Bryan Ziegler, Supervisor; Kelly Spurgeon, Auditor; Chad Drury, Ottumwa Courier; Marc Roe, GOPIP; Shea Greiner, GOPIP; Lisa Kent, Recorder; Keith Caviness, Councilman; Trudy Caviness, Citizen; Primo Giusti, Citizen; Katie Howard, Citizen; Dan Reid, Citizen; Miranda Bailey, Zoning; Brad Skinner, Engineer; Willene White, NOEL; Jared Hershberger, Dusty Fox Wind; Danielle Weller, Deputy Auditor.

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

Supervisor Ziegler moved, seconded by Vice Chair Batterson to approve minutes from the September 3, 2024 Board Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

CANVASS OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 SPECIAL LOT ELECTION

City of Ottumwa-Council Member (To fill a Vacancy)

Cyan Bossou received Five Hundred Twelve (512) votes

Dan Reid received Six Hundred Sixteen (616) votes

Scattering received One (1) vote

We therefore declare Dan Reid duly elected to the office of Council Member (To Fill a Vacancy) for the remainder of the term.

City of Eldon-Council Member (To fill a Vacancy)

Craig Brown received Eighty-two (82) votes

Kasi Kirston Culp received Twenty-two (22) votes

Scattering received One (1) vote

We therefore declare Craig Brown duly elected to the office of Council Member (To Fill a Vacancy) for the remainder of the term.

Public Measure "A" Chillicothe LOT

Summary: To authorize imposition of a local sales and services tax in the City of Chillicothe, Iowa at the rate of one percent (1%) to be effective on January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2035. The use of the cumulative one percent (1%) local sales and services tax shall be changed in the City of Chillicothe, Iowa effective January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2035.

Proposed uses of Tax: General Corporate Purposes

Current use of the tax: 25% Park, 35% General Improvement, 40% Streets

For the question, there were Five (5) votes

Against the question, there were One (1) vote

We therefore declare Public Measure "A" to be adopted.

Public Measure "B" Eldon LOT

Summary: To authorize imposition of a local sales and services tax in the City of Eldon, Iowa at the rate of one percent (1%) to be effective on January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2035. The use of the cumulative one percent (1%) local sales and services tax shall be changed in the City of Eldon, Iowa effective from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2035. Proposed use of the tax: General Corporate Purposes

For the question, there were Sixty-nine (69) votes
Against the question, there were Thirty-Two (32) votes
We therefore declare Public Measure "B" to be adopted.

Public Measure "C" Ottumwa LOT

Summary: To authorize imposition of a local sales and services tax in the City of Ottumwa, Iowa at the rate of one percent (1%) to be effective on January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2035. The use of the cumulative one percent (1%) local sales and services tax shall be changed in the City of Ottumwa, Iowa effective January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2035. Proposed uses of the tax: 30% for property tax relief, 70% for street improvement and/or sewer improvements. Current uses of the tax: 10% for property tax relief, 90% for street and improvement and/or sewer improvements.

For the question, there were Seven Hundred Seventy-eight (778) votes
Against the question, there were Three Hundred Forty-four (344) votes
We therefore declare Public Measure "C" to be adopted.

Public Measure "D" Wapello County LOT

Summary: To authorize an extension of the one percent (1%) local sales and services tax in the unincorporated areas of Wapello County, Iowa effective on January 1, 2026. The use of the one percent (1%) local sales and services tax shall not be changed in the unincorporated areas of Wapello County, Iowa but the duration of the one percent (1%) local sales and services shall be extended. Proposed uses of the tax: 25% for Rural Property Tax Relief, 50% for Bridges and Culverts in Wapello County, 25% for Infrastructure/Capital Improvements in Wapello County. Current uses of the tax: 25% for Rural Property Tax Relief, 50% for Bridges and Culverts in Wapello County, 25% for Infrastructure/Capital Improvements in Wapello County.

For the question, there were One Hundred Thirty-five (135) votes
Against the question, there were Forty-nine (49) votes
We therefore declare Public Measure "D" to be adopted.

Public Measure "MJ" Pekin School

"Shall the Board of Directors of the Pekin Community School District change the method of Election of its seven (7) directors from five (5) director districts and two (2) at-large directors pursuant to Iowa Code 275.12(2)(c) to election of all seven (7) directors at-large from the entire district by the electors of the entire district pursuant to Iowa Code 275.12(12)(a) with an effective date of July 1, 2025?"

For the question, there were Eleven (11) votes
Against the question, there were Thirty-two (32) votes
Vice Chair Batterson moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve the results as read. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ziegler moved, seconded by Vice Chair Batterson to approve Resolution 45-2024 AHEAD Regional Housing Trust Fund (RHTF) FY2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Batterson moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve appointments of Lindsey Bienhart and Donald Brandt to the Board of Adjustments. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Batterson moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve liquor license for The Bougie Barrell for 5 days 10/25/2024-10/29/2024. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ziegler moved, seconded by Vice Chair Batterson to approve liquor license for The Bougie Barrell for 5 days 10/31/2024-11/04/2024. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Batterson moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve Resolution 44-2024 Quarterly transfer to Secondary Roads Fund. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ziegler moved, seconded by Vice Chair Batterson to approve equipment purchase "Belly Dump" for Secondary Roads from Active Trailers in the amount of \$51,300.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Marc Roe, GOPIP updated the board and requested an increase in the annual funding from \$10,000 to \$13,000.

Vice Chair Batterson moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve Resolution 46-2024 abate property taxes for City of Ottumwa. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Batterson moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to accept & file Treasurer's Investment Report-August 2024. All ayes. Motion carried.

Claims in the amount of \$335,062.30 & payroll in the amount of \$473,816.39 for September 6, 2024 were approved.

Claims in the amount of \$825,344.75 & payroll in the amount of \$449,637.17 for September 20, 2024 were approved.

10:19 a.m. Vice Chair Batterson moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kelly Spurgeon
Wapello County Auditor

R. Brian Morgan, Chair
Board of Supervisors