

WAPELLO COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Courtroom at Courthouse

DATE: 11-14-2023

TIME: 9:32 a.m.

PRESENT: Brian Morgan, Chair; Bryan Ziegler, Vice Chair; Darren Batterson, Supervisor; Kelly Spurgeon, Auditor; Chad Drury, Ottumwa Courier; Lisa Kent, Recorder; Travis Kaster, Deputy Assessor; Jason Fuller, Sheriff's Office; Chaylee Goodvin, Sheriff's Office; Danielle Weller, Deputy Auditor; Willene White, NOEL Insurance; Don Phillips, Sheriff; Jaren Hershberger, Dusty Fox Wind; [auntpippi@hotmail.com](mailto:auntpippi@hotmail.com) via zoom; Jane Hopkins via zoom.

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

Vice Chair Ziegler moved, seconded by Supervisor Batterson to approve minutes of October 31, 2023 Board Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

CANVASS OF NOVEMBER 7, 2023 CITY/SCHOOL 1<sup>ST</sup> TIER.

**Mayor-Agency**

Jake Johnson (Write-In Candidate)	received Twenty-eight (28) votes
SCATTERING	received Twenty-five (25) votes
TOTAL	Fifty-three (53) votes

**We therefore declare** Jake Johnson duly elected to the office of Mayor for the term of 2 years.

**Council Member-Agency**

Andrew Birch (Write-In Candidate)	received Fifty-four (54) votes
Steve O'Brien (Write-In Candidate)	received Twenty-seven (27) votes
Sara Jane Douglas (Write-In Candidate)	received Thirteen (13) votes
<b>CANDIDATE TOTAL</b>	<b>Ninety-four (94) votes</b>
Scattering	received Thirty (30) votes
Total	One Hundred Twenty-four (124) votes

**We therefore declare** Andrew Birch and Steve O'Brien duly elected to the office of Council Member for the term of 4 years.

**Mayor-Blakesburg**

Mike DeWild (Write-In Candidate)	received Eleven (11) votes
<b>CANDIDATE TOTAL</b>	<b>Eleven (11) votes</b>
SCATTERING	received Sixteen (16) votes
TOTAL	Twenty-seven (27) votes

**We therefore declare** Mike DeWild duly elected to the office of Mayor for 2 years.

**Council Member-Blakesburg**

Asa Cope	received Thirty-five (35) votes
Cindy DeWild (Write-In Candidate)	received Eight (8) votes
Brenda Schmalzried (Write-In Candidate)	received Seven (7) votes
<b>CANDIDATE TOTAL</b>	<b>Fifty (50) votes</b>
SCATTERING	received Thirty (30) votes
TOTAL	Eighty (80) votes

**We therefore declare** Asa Cope, Cindy DeWild and Brenda Schmalzried duly elected to the office of Council Member for the term of 4 years.

**Council Member (To Fill Vacancy)-Blakesburg**

Christy Leonard received Forty-five (45) votes  
Matt Leonard received Forty-four (44) votes  
**CANDIDATE TOTAL Eighty-nine (89) votes**  
SCATTERING received Two (2) votes  
TOTAL Ninety-one (91) votes

**We therefore declare** Christy Leonard and Matt Leonard duly elected to the office of Council Member to fill vacancy for the remainder of the terms.

**Mayor-Chillicothe**

John W. Richmond received Eight (8) votes  
**CANDIDATE TOTAL Eight (8) votes**  
SCATTERING Three (3) votes  
TOTAL Eleven (11) votes

**We therefore declare** John W. Richmond duly elected to the office of Mayor for the term of 2 years.

**Council Member-Chillicothe**

David Dalbey received Ten (10) votes  
Alan Johnston received Twelve (12) votes  
Troy L. Ragen received Seven (7) votes  
Deborah K. Richmond received Ten (10) votes  
Rebecca Jaques received Twelve (12) votes  
**CANDIDATE TOTAL Fifty-one (51) votes**  
SCATTERING received Two (2) votes  
TOTAL Fifty-three (53) votes

**We therefore declare** David Dalbey, Alan Johnston, Troy L. Ragen, Deborah K. Richmond and Rebecca Jaques duly elected to the office of council member for the term of 2 years.

**Mayor-Eddyville**

Phyllis Sutton received Forty-one (41) votes  
Doug Greenlee received One Hundred Thirty-seven (137) votes  
**CANDIDATE TOTAL One Hundred Seventy-eight (178) votes**  
SCATTERING received Four (4) votes  
TOTAL One Hundred Eighty-two (182) votes

**Council Member-Eddyville**

James Sutton received Ninety-five (95) votes  
Anthony Lettington (Write-In Candidate) received Fifty-nine (59) votes  
Kellie Vroegh (Write-In Candidate) received Twenty-eight (28) votes  
**CANDIDATE TOTAL One Hundred Eighty-two (182) votes**  
SCATTERING received Forty-seven (47) votes  
TOTAL Two Hundred Twenty-nine (229) votes

**Mayor-Eldon**

Michael McClure received Fifty-one (51) votes  
Roger Penrod received Sixty-eight (68) votes  
Jerry Potts (Write-In Candidate) received Seventy-nine (79) votes  
**CANDIDATE TOTAL One Hundred Ninety-eight (198) votes**  
SCATTERING received Thirty-one (31) votes  
TOTAL Two Hundred Twenty-nine (229) votes

**We therefore declare** Jerry Potts duly elected to the office of mayor for the term of 2 years.

David Showman	received One Hundred Twenty-seven (127) votes
Tom Bedford	received One Hundred Forty-seven (147) votes
Stacey Cremer Doree	received One Hundred Fifty (150) votes
George James Loerzel III	received One Hundred Sixteen (116) votes
Randy Lee McClure	received Eighty-four (84) votes
<b>CANDIDATE TOTAL</b>	<b>Six Hundred Twenty-four (624) votes</b>
SCATTERING	received Thirteen (13) votes
TOTAL	Six Hundred Thirty-seven (637) votes

**We therefore declare** Stacey Cremer Doree, Tom Bedford and David Showman duly elected to the office of council member for the term of 4 years.

#### **Mayor-Kirkville**

Terry D. Robinson	received Nineteen (19) votes
<b>CANDIDATE TOTAL</b>	<b>Nineteen (19) votes</b>
SCATTERING	received One (1) vote
TOTAL	Twenty (20) votes

**We therefore declare** Terry D. Robinson duly elected to the office of mayor for the term of 2 years.

#### **Council Member-Kirkville**

John Bradley VanDenBerg	received Sixteen (16) votes
Jeremy Atchison	received Sixteen (16) votes
Mary McCollum	received Fifteen (15) votes
Karl Wilz	received Seventeen (17) votes
Sean Strothman	received Fifteen (15) votes
<b>CANDIDATE TOTAL</b>	<b>Seventy-nine (79) votes</b>
SCATTERING	received Zero (0) votes
TOTAL	Seventy-nine (79) votes

**We therefore declare** John Bradley VanDenBerg, Jeremy Atchison, Mary McCollum, Karl Wilz and Sean Strothman duly elected to the office of council member for the term of 2 years.

#### **Council Member-Ottumwa**

Joe Damerval	received Six Hundred Forty-three (643) votes
Bill Hoffman Jr.	received Eight Hundred Eighty-three (883) votes
Cyan Bossou	received Six Hundred Seventy-one (671) votes
Keith D. Caviness	received Seven Hundred Eighty-one (781) votes
<b>CANDIDATE TOTAL</b>	<b>Two Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-eight (2978) votes</b>
SCATTERING	received Seventeen (17) votes
TOTAL	Two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-five (2995) votes

**We therefore declare** Bill Hoffman Jr. and Keith D. Caviness duly elected to the office of council member for the term of 4 years.

#### **School Board Member-Cardinal**

Debb Kent	received Two Hundred Sixty-two (262) votes
Devlin Rupe	received Two Hundred Three (203) votes
Trevor Brown	received Two Hundred Twenty-five (225) votes
Andy Brainard	received One Hundred Seventy-two (172) votes
Ryan Johnson	received Two Hundred Thirty-four (234) votes

**CANDIDATE TOTAL**

**One Thousand Ninety-six (1096) votes**

SCATTERING

received Six (6) votes

TOTAL

One Thousand One Hundred Two (1102) votes

**School Board Member-EBF DD#3**

Ed Glenn

received Ninety-four (94) votes

Nathan Hinton

received Eighty-one (81) votes

**CANDIDATE TOTAL**

**One Hundred Seventy-five (175) votes**

SCATTERING

received One (1) vote

TOTAL

One Hundred Seventy-six (176) votes

**We therefore declare** Ed Glenn duly elected to the office of school board member for the term of 4 years.

**School Board Member-EBF DD#4**

Bruce Vroegh

received Two (2) votes

Tyrone Lobberecht

received Zero (0) votes

**CANDIDATE TOTAL**

**Two (2) votes**

SCATTERING

received Zero (0) votes

TOTAL

Two (2) votes

**School Board Member-EBF DD#5**

Tom Judy

received Forty-three (43) votes

Nicholas Batterson

received Twenty-four (24) votes

Randy Reed

received Thirty (30) votes

**CANDIDATE TOTAL**

**Ninety-seven (97) votes**

SCATTERING

received One (1) vote

TOTAL

Ninety-eight (98) votes

**We therefore declare** Tom Judy duly elected to the office of school board member for the term of 4 years.

**School Board Member-Fairfield**

Meghan Dowd Robbins

received zero (0) votes

David Eastburn

received zero (0) votes

Mark Thornton

received zero (0) votes

Nate Weaton

received zero (0) votes

Timothy Bower

received zero (0) votes

Theresa Tuvera

received zero (0) votes

Christie Kessel

received zero (0) votes

**CANDIDATE TOTAL**

**Zero (0) votes**

SCATTERING

received Zero (0) votes

TOTAL

Zero (0) votes

**School Board Member (To Fill Vacancy)-Fairfield**

Deborah Williamson

received Zero (0) votes

**CANDIDATE TOTAL**

**Zero (0) votes**

SCATTERING

received Zero (0) votes

TOTAL

Zero (0) votes

**School Board Member-Ottumwa**

Christina Schark

received One Thousand Fifty-one (1051) votes

David Weilbrenner

received One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-four (1254) votes

Brian Jones

received One Thousand Fifty-six (1056) votes

Morgan Brown  
**CANDIDATE TOTAL**

received One Thousand Twenty-three (1023) votes  
**Four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-four (4384) votes**

SCATTERING

received Fifty-nine (59) votes

**TOTAL**

Four Thousand Four Hundred Forty-three (4443) votes

**We therefore declare** Christina Schark, David Weilbrenner, Brian Jones and Morgan Brown duly elected to the office of school board member for the term of 4 years.

**School Board Member-Pekin DD#1**

Michael Sieren  
**CANDIDATE TOTAL**  
SCATTERING  
**TOTAL**

received Forty-two (42) votes  
Forty-two (42) votes  
received zero (0) votes  
Forty-two (42) votes

**School Board Member-Pekin DD#2**

Michael Davis  
**CANDIDATE TOTAL**  
SCATTERING  
**TOTAL**

received Thirty-nine (39) votes  
**Thirty-nine (39) votes**  
received One (1) vote  
Forty (40) votes

**School Board Member-Pekin DD#4**

Josh Arendt  
Shawn Echelberry  
**CANDIDATE TOTAL**  
SCATTERING  
**TOTAL**

received Thirty-two (32) votes  
received Thirteen (13) votes  
**Forty-five (45) votes**  
received Zero (0) votes  
Forty-five (45) votes

**School Board Member-Pekin At-Large**

Kyle Daniel Green  
Sherry Bemis  
**CANDIDATE TOTAL**  
SCATTERING  
**TOTAL**

received Twenty-four (24) votes  
received Twenty-five (25) votes  
**Forty-nine (49) votes**  
received Zero (0) votes  
Forty-nine (49) votes

**Board Member-IHCC DD#6**

Kevin Crall  
**CANDIDATE TOTAL**  
SCATTERING  
**TOTAL**

received Three Hundred Nine (309) votes  
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received Nine (9) votes  
Three Hundred Eighteen (318) votes

**Public Measure "UV"**

**Summary: To adopt a Revenue Purpose Statement to authorize the expenditure of revenue from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund received by the Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont Community School District.**

**For the question, there were:** Two Hundred Fifty-five (255) votes  
**Against the question, there were:** Sixty-five (65) votes  
**Total** Three Hundred Twenty (320) votes

**Public Measure "MJ"**

**Summary: To adopt a Revenue Purpose Statement specifying the use of revenues the Pekin Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund.**

**For the question, there were:** Thirty-two (32) votes

**Against the question, there were:** Four (4) votes

**Total** Thirty-six (36) votes

Supervisor Batterson moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to accept & file the results as read. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FY2023/2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT. Vice Chair Ziegler moved, seconded by Supervisor Batterson to open the public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried. There were no written/verbal comments. Supervisor Batterson moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to close the public hearing. All ayes. Motion Carried. Supervisor Batterson moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve Resolution 58-2023 FY2023/2024 Budget Amendment. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE FOR ASSESSMENT OF WIND ENERGY CONVERSION PROPERTY. Vice Chair Ziegler moved, seconded by Supervisor Batterson to open the public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried. There were no written/verbal comments. Supervisor Batterson moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to close the public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried. 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the ordinance complete.

Supervisor Batterson moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve Tax Suspension under Iowa Code Section 427.8. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Batterson moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve Resolution 59-2023 abate public nuisance – 11458 Copperhead Road. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Batterson moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve request for payroll approval new hire for Donovan Newland, Part-time Correctional Officer effective 11-16-2023 at \$21.00 per hour. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Ziegler moved, seconded by Supervisor Batterson to approve request for payroll approval change of employment for Chaylee Goodvin to Assistant Jail Administrator effective 10/30/2023 at \$58,626.39 year. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Batterson moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to accept & file Treasurer's Investment Report for October 2023. All ayes. Motion carried.

Claims in the amount of \$550,214.48 and payroll in the amount of \$430,472.39 were approved for 11-17-2023.

10:08 a.m. Supervisor Batterson moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Kelly Spurgeon  
Wapello County Auditor

R. Brian Morgan, Chair  
Board of Supervisors