

Board of Supervisors Minutes
August 1, 2022

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. August 1, 2022. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Larry Vest; 2nd District Supervisor, Bill Faircloth and 3rd District Supervisor, Dan Anderson.

8:30 – 9:00 Employee/Department Head Time

9:00-9:30 Public Comment Time

Present were several members of the Tama County Against Wind Turbines Coalition. Sheriff Kucera was also present. Representing the group was Janet Wilson. She shared what Worth County has in place for their ordinance. She asked the Supervisors to act on a moratorium on new wind projects. Adam Todd, farmer from southern Tama County, spoke. He stated that he feels the Supervisors should not be making laws and telling landowners what they can or can't do with their land. Heather Knebel spoke and said that the current ordinance is not being enforced, the mud pits/slabs still do not comply with the ordinance. She spoke about gravity drains. She read the violation penalty from Tama County's ordinance and asked that it be followed up on and enforced. Richard Arp stated that to coalition's goal is not to stop Conifer but to protect everyone.

At 9:20 the Supervisors got an update on Salt Creek Wind from Tom Swierczewski, Conifer Power. He shared a Salt Creek Economic Impact Analysis done by Dr. David Loomis. He shared that 58% of electricity in Iowa comes from wind energy and currently there are over 4,000 people employed for wind jobs in Iowa. Members of the coalition questioned some of those findings.

The detailed notes are available in the County Auditor's office.

Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to approve the minutes of the July 25th regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

The Board met with Lyle Brehm, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report. At 9:30 there was a public hearing for a Class C road in Sections 15 & 22 of Indian Village Township, E Avenue south of US Hwy 30. There were public comments from the landowners along that area in favor of the re-classification. At 9:37 Chairman Anderson closed the public hearing. Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to approve the following resolution to reclassify a portion of E Avenue to area service C:

RESOLUTION 8-1-2022A

WHEREAS, Tama County desires to classify certain roads on the Area Service System in the County to provide for a minimal level of maintenance and to restrict access by means of a gate or barrier, and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors, after consultation with the County Engineer, has the authority to specify certain roads within the County as Area Service 'C' roads pursuant to Iowa Code Section 309.57 and Tama County Ordinance Number 1-2-2008D, and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has requested to reclassify **a portion of E Avenue between the Montour Corporate Limits and US30** to an Area Service 'C' road, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held at 9:30 am on August 1, 2022, to discuss the reclassification, and

WHEREAS, there were no objections, and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the level of maintenance applied to the road will be as listed in Tama County Ordinance Number 1-8-2008D, and

WHEREAS, the only persons who will have access right to the road shall be;

1. The owner, lessee, or person in lawful possession of any adjoining land.
2. The agent or employee of the owner, lessee or person in lawful possession of any adjoining land.
3. Any peace officer.
4. Any magistrate.
5. Any public employee whose duty it is to supervise the use or perform maintenance of the road.
6. Any agent or employee of any utility located upon the road.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tama County Board of Supervisors that

E Avenue commencing from the driveway located at 1355 E Avenue (the west side of the south Iowa River Overflow bridge) and continuing north to about 1,800 feet south of US30

shall be classified as an Area Service ‘C’ road, and shall have restricted access and a minimal amount of maintenance.

Roll Call Vote: Vest, aye. Faircloth, aye. Anderson, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 1st day of August 2022. Dan Anderson, Chairman, Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Anderson swore in Amelia Kemper as temporary Recorder due to the resignation of the current Recorder, until Monday August 8th.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to authorize Amelia Kemper and her staff, Marcia Sawdey and Angie Princehouse, on all of the Tama County Recorder bank accounts. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to approve the property tax levy rates as prepared by the Auditor’s Office and certified by the State of Iowa for Fiscal Year 2023 as follows: (A copy of the levy rate table is available upon request at the Auditor’s office) All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to approve the claims for payment as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.