

Board of Supervisors Minutes
November 21, 2022

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. November 21, 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 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Supervisors Vest, Faircloth, Anderson. Tama County Auditor Laura Kopsa, several members of the Tama County Against Wind Turbines Coalition. There was no Deputy Sheriff present. Richard Arp spoke on behalf of the TCAT Coalition. He asked about how the 5 minute time limit for speaking is kept if there are responses from the Supervisors. He asked about training for the newly elected Supervisor. It was explained that the State has some training and the new supervisor can also attend current supervisors meetings and visit with any of the current supervisors at any time. Janet Wilson wanted to make sure the Supervisors know that the newest filing from Heather Knebel with the Board of Adjustment is an appeal, not a lawsuit. She just would like the Board of Adjustment to review the decisions and make sure they followed the code and ordinance in doing so. Livestreaming and microphones in the room was also discussed. It was shared that there are concerns of technology changing so quickly and that that may have an effect on how long turbines are really useful. Concerns about the cost of decommissioning and recycling turbines were shared. Solar energy was discussed as was preserving wildlife in Tama County.

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

The Supervisors went into regular session at 9:35.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to approve the minutes of the November 14th regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (a) (c) and Section 622.10 Attorney Client Privilege, for discussion with their attorney regarding a new litigation/appeal filed by Heather Knebel vs. Tama County Board of Adjustment. Roll call vote: Vest, aye; Faircloth, aye; Anderson, aye. All voted aye. Motion carried. The Board went into closed session at 9:40 a.m. Those present were Supervisors: Larry Vest, Bill Faircloth, Dan Anderson; Laura Kopsa, Auditor and Carlton Salmons, Attorney, by phone. The Board came out of closed session at 9:55 a.m. Those present were Supervisors: Larry Vest, Bill Faircloth, Dan Anderson, Laura Kopsa, Auditor and Carlton Salmon, Attorney, by phone. Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to go back into open session. Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to hire Joel Greer, Attorney, at a rate of \$170 per hour to represent the Tama County Board of Adjustment in a currently filed litigation/appeal. All voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to continue to work with Carlton Salmons, Attorney, on Tama County's behalf. All voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to authorize Carlton Salmons, Attorney, to file a Petition of Intervention on behalf of the Tama County Board of Supervisors before/to the Board of Adjustment. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board met with Lyle Brehm, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report.

Auditor Kopsa, asked the Supervisors to consider and approve the election workers pay rates as follows for inclusion in the certified election expenses for the General Election held on November 8, 2022. Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to approve the following pay rates for election workers: \$15.00 per hour for machine operators, precinct atlas operator, and chairpersons. \$10.00 per hour for all other election workers and \$50.00 for election night couriers. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Supervisors swore in the newly elected Treasurer, Amanda Kriegel, and Recorder, Amelia Kemper, and accepted the appointments of their staff.

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

Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.