

Board of Supervisors Minutes
December 27, 2022

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. December 27, 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. Jim Smith spoke on behalf of the coalition. He stated that he attended many meetings and heard multiple times that farmers should be able to do what they want with their land. This is not true. There are many regulations, ordinances, laws and rules regarding land use. They are in place to help protect the soil, groundwater, public safety and quality of life along with wildlife habitat. Let's make 2023 the year that we join together and work on these issues to update land use regulations including industrial wind and solar projects. Nancy Smith addressed the need to tax the turbines at an industrial rate and not an agricultural rate. Heather Knebel thanked Supervisor Vest for his years of service and stated she and the group look forward to working with the Supervisors in the coming year.

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

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to approve the minutes of the December 19th regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

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

Tammy Wise, HR/Insurance Administrator, shared that she has received the bids for generators for three of the County buildings and will be making a decision soon

Motion by Faircloth seconded by Vest to set the date for swearing in of newly elected officials for Thursday December 29th at 8:30 am. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Vest, seconded by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 a.m.