

Board of Supervisors Minutes
February 21, 2023

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. February 21, 2023. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 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 Hilmer, Faircloth, Anderson. Tama County Assistant to the Auditor Karen Rohrs, several members of the Tama County Against Wind Turbines Coalition. Deputy Sheriff Frizzell was also present. Bob Vokoun talked to the board about optional taxes for emergency medical services. If the board does want to proceed with this a public measure will need to be presented to the citizens of Tama County on a general election ballot. Jon Winklepleck and Bev Espenscheid were present asked the board about when cameras and microphones may be installed. Jeff and Lynn Cizek were present to voice concerns about a neighbor who had signed a lease for industrial solar. The detailed notes are available in the County Auditor's office.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the February 13th regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

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

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to approve the use of the Courthouse lawn for Presbyterian Church Easter Egg Hunt on April 8, at 1 pm. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

The crowd was asked if there were any further comments. Carolyn Adolphs was present and encouraged the board to get cameras and microphones installed. She stated she could watch meetings from home and they do not cost much. Jon stated if he can't make it to the sale barn he can watch his cattle sell from home. Lynn Cizek stated she feels there would be more trust from the public if meetings were live and recorded. Carolyn also wanted to thank Laura Kopsa for following up on the internet out at the conservation department. Karen Murty spoke up and stated people would know what's going on if the board was live streaming their meetings. She asked the board to come back next week and tell them who is threatening the board. She stated these companies are huge and are not from Iowa. She stated the board wants the group to be transparent but Karen wants the board to be transparent. Jon stated they were being transparent but the board would only comment with "no comment". Dan stated when you are threatened to be sued you have no comment. Jon stated since Larry has left they haven't heard no comment anymore. Dan stated that is because solar is different from wind turbines. Jon stated this is about ordinances that need to be in place. Dan stated new projects can be changed. Dan stated they would talk to Todd and get the process started. Lynn asked what the span of time to pull this together to protect the county would be. Dan stated he did not know how long it would take for the ordinance to be changed. Nikki Novak stated CO2 pipelines should also be looked at by the zoning board. Dan agreed. Chairman Faircloth adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.