

Board of Supervisors Minutes
March 20, 2023

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. March 20, 2023. Present: 2nd District Supervisor, Bill Faircloth and 3rd District Supervisor, Dan Anderson. 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer was absent due to illness.

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

9:00-9:30 Public Comment Time The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Supervisors Faircloth, Anderson. Assistant County Auditor Karen Rohrs, several members of the Tama County Against Wind Turbines Coalition. Deputy Sheriff Randall was also present. Nancy Smith started by giving everyone an update on Jim Smith. The board was asked about how many responses they had received for suggestions to the zoning ordinance. Bev Espensheid stated how she feels solar and wind turbines should be taxed as industrial not agricultural. Wendy Deitrick asked about the risks of solar panels to ground water and wildlife. There was discussion about holding supervisor meetings by ZOOM and wanting the board to live stream their meetings. The detailed notes are available in the County Auditor's office.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Faircloth to approve the minutes of the March 13th regular meeting and March 14th canvass. All voted aye. Motion carried

The Board met with Lyle Brehm, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report. He presented the Tama County 5 Year Construction Program and the Tama County Fiscal Year 24 DOT Budget for approval. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Faircloth to approve both the Tama County 5 Year Construction Program and the FY24 Tama County DOT Budget. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Tammy Wise, HR/Insurance Administrator, stated she is still working on looking into a system to live stream and record the supervisor meetings. She stated in order for Rick Watts, who is contracted through Windstream as Tama County's IT person, to install and maintain a new system the current contract with Windstream would need to be reopened.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Faircloth to proceed with setting up a public hearing of the proposed Tama County Utility Scale Solar Energy Ordinance. The public hearing is to be held on April 4th, 2023 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Toledo Reinig Center at 1007 S Prospect Drive, Toledo, IA 52342. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Supervisors acknowledged receiving the resignation of Darren Thiessen, Tama, as board member from the Zoning Commission. This was received on March 14th. His term expires June 30, 2025. Laura Wilson asked if the board will be posting to take new applications for this position. Supervisor Anderson stated the board has not discussed it. He personally thinks the board should open the position back up to the public to accept more applications in addition to the current applications that have been received but wasn't sure if that is how the board will proceed. The board stated that all previous applications are valid for a year.

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

Chairman Faircloth adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.