

**Board of Supervisors Minutes**  
**March 27, 2023**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. March 27, 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 Auditor Laura Kopsa, several members of the Tama County Against Wind Turbines Coalition. Deputy Sheriff Heath Brown was also present. Nancy Yuska shared concerns she has with solar farms being close to rural cemeteries. The proposed solar farm would surround the West Union Cemetery where she has family buried and where there are gravestones from the civil war era. Lynn Cizek thanked the supervisors who came out to their farm to see how a 900 acre solar farm would affect them. There was discussion about the upcoming April 4<sup>th</sup> public hearing and questions about the ordinance draft, especially setbacks.

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

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the March 20th regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

The Board met with Jesse Ward, Assistant to the Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report.

At 9:30 the Supervisors held a public hearing to vacate part of a road in Marshall's Plat of the Town of Eureka, Unincorporated Haven. Public comments: None. Chairman Faircloth closed the public hearing at 9:32 am. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-27-2023A**

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on March 27, 2023, to consider the vacation of the following segment of road:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 22 thence West 8 feet (8') to the center of the vacated alley, thence North 60 feet (60'), thence East 8 feet (8') to the Southwest corner of Lot 23, thence East 148 feet (148') to the Southeast corner of Lot 23, thence South 60 feet (60') to the Northeast corner of Lot 22, thence West 148 feet (148') to the point of beginning, all in the Marshall's Plat of the Town of Eureka, Tama County, Iowa (now known as the unincorporated community of Haven). Section Twenty-one (21), Township Eighty-two (82), Range Fourteen (14) in Tama County, Iowa.

WHEREAS the intention of this road closure is to vacate any unused and unnecessary portion of the public road (original and with modifications), and

WHEREAS, an individual owning property adjacent to the road has requested the road be vacated,

WHEREAS, no objections have been received, either in writing or by persons present, and

WHEREAS, no claims for damages were received,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the previously described road be ordered vacated and closed. All of the right-of-way being vacated will be reverted to the Haven Community Church.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Faircloth, aye. Anderson, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 27th day of March, 2023. Bill Faircloth, Chairman, Tama County Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, County Auditor.

Tammy Wise, HR/Insurance Administrator, discussed the need for an interim county engineer with the resignation of Lyle Brehm. Gary Mauer, Grundy County Engineer, has agreed to do this until a full time engineer is hired. Ms. Wise presented a contract and agreement between Grundy and Tama County for an interim county engineer. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to approve the Grundy-Tama County Interim County Engineer Agreement. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to approve the Backyard Vines liquor license. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Faircloth adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.