

**Board of Supervisors Minutes**  
**May 8, 2023**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. May 8, 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. Laura Wilson asked the Supervisors to get more quotes for livestreaming and microphones. The Supervisors are waiting until the fiber optics are all connected. The Supervisors Faircloth also shared that they are keeping the new public format that they started last week. It was his decision as Chair to put that in place.

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 public. Deputy Sheriff Brown was also present. Bill Keeney, TED Renewables, spoke and shared what his group does and that they want the County to get their industrial solar ordinance in place. The project they are proposing in Tama County will take 3-4 years to get started. There are a lot of environmental studies that need to be done first. Elias Toshiro from TED Renewables also spoke and shared handouts about their company and what they do. It will diversify land uses in the county and provide 2-3 full time jobs. They will work with Iowa State Extension in deciding what deep rooting native grasses to plant under the panels to preserve the soil. Lynn Cizek, Traer, shared that she has been waiting to talk to someone from their group. Her farm will be surrounded on three sides by the proposed project. She has concerns about health repercussions and the value of their farm going down. There were questions about decommissioning and the wiring. The Supervisors were asked to set up additional solar meetings next week and getting microphones and speakers.

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

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the May 1st regular meeting with a requested change in the public comments. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board met with Ben Daleske, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve a temporary liquor license for The Traveling Tipster. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to make appointments to the County Redistricting Commission as follows: Hilmer -Richard Arp, Dysart; Faircloth -Mike Wentzein, Gladbrook; Anderson -Joe Boll, Toledo. All voted aye. Motion carried. This is due to a petition to increase the number of Supervisor Districts to five and voted on and passed at the 2022 General Election.

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

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