

Board of Supervisors Minutes
May 15, 2023

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. May 15, 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, Assistant Auditor Karen Rohrs, several members of the public. Deputy Sheriff Killian was also present. The Supervisors were thanked for holding the solar ordinance meeting on May 9th. Berleen Wobeter spoke about the proposed CO2 pipelines to come through Tama County and encouraged the Board and citizens to attend upcoming meetings to be held on May 31st and June 1st in downtown Des Moines. Heather Knebel asked the Supervisors to take in their concerns and to read, learn and listen. Protect us and our kids. Please consider women when appointing to the Zoning Commission. There was discussion of the recent Board of Adjustment meeting regarding the repowering of the Vienna turbines and if the vote was sufficient. There was also discussion on allowing solar in cities or on top of buildings. It was shared that some cities have solar fields and allow businesses to purchase a panel and use the electricity from it. The detailed notes are available in the County Auditor's office.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the May 8th regular meeting. 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 the following resolution to transfer funds:

RESOLUTION 5-15-2023C

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tama County Board of Supervisors approves the transfer of \$40,351.29 from the Law Enforcement Vehicle Fund (1500) to the Security Services Fund (0029) and \$488.39 from the General Fund (0001) with \$35.14 going to the Security Services Fund (0029) and \$453.25 to the Shield-Mobile Fund (0036) as requested by the Tama County Auditor.

Roll call vote: Hilmer, Aye. Faircloth, Aye. Anderson, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed and adopted this 15th day of May, 2023. Bill Faircloth, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, County Auditor.

There was discussion about the recent solar ordinance information gathering meeting held on May 9th. It was agreed by everyone present that it was well run and everyone had a chance to speak. There were thirty minutes left at the end of the scheduled meeting so individuals were allowed more time to make comments that night. The Supervisors decided not to have another of those meetings and will still take comments by email, mail or in person for a couple of weeks. Then they will prepare and present a final draft of the ordinance and schedule three public hearings to hear comments from the public before it is voted into an official ordinance.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to hire an attorney to represent the Board of Adjustment in regard to Mid American. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Supervisors have received the resignation of Zoning Director, Todd Apfel, effective July 5, 2023. There are also currently two vacancies on the Zoning Commission. Motion by Hilmer seconded by Anderson to advertise for the Zoning Administrator and Zoning Commission vacancies. Applications already on file will also be considered. All voted aye. Motion carried.

At 9:45 the Board held a public hearing for a budget amendment for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year. The Board reviewed the amendment. Public comments were addressed and answered. The hearing ended at 9:51. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to approve the following resolution to amend the 2022-2023 county budget expenditures as published:

RESOLUTION 5-15-2023A

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tama County Board of Supervisors hereby approves an amendment to the 2022-2023 County Budget expenditures as follows:

- Public Safety & Legal Services \$116,000 – Increased costs for fuel, food and board & lodging for the Sheriff’s Department
- Physical Health & Social Services \$371,450 – Grant & donations received by the Public Health Office
- County Environment & Education \$1,400 – Increased utility costs at Museum
- Government Services to Residents \$2,750 – Salaries correction – Auditor’s office
- Administration \$105,120 – Increased costs for legal notices, salaries correction Auditor’s office, increased costs for tuck pointing of courthouse

Total amendment \$596,720.00. Of this amount \$371,450 will be reimbursed by grants and donations received. The difference is \$225,270.00 which is covered by reserves.

Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Faircloth, aye. Anderson, aye. Resolution passed and approved this 15th day of May, 2023. Bill Faircloth, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, Tama County Auditor.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the following resolution to appropriate the funds for the 2022-2023 county budget expenditures as amended:

RESOLUTION 5-15-2023B

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing amendment is appropriated to department budgets as follows:

Supervisors	(01)	\$5,000.00	Increased publication fees
Auditor	(02)	\$6,870.00	Salaries correction
Sheriff	(5)	\$116.000	Increased fuel, food & lodging costs
Public Health	(23)	\$371,450	Grants & donations received
Museum	(34)	\$1,400	Increased utilities costs
Maintenance	(51)	\$96,000	Increased costs for tuck pointing and maintenance
TOTAL		\$596,720.00	Net change

Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Faircloth, aye. Anderson, aye. Resolution passed and approved this 15th day of May, 2023. Bill Faircloth, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, Tama County Auditor.

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 10:05 a.m.

At 10:30 the Board of Supervisors attended a Department Head meeting and the Engineer's office in Tama.