

Board of Supervisors Minutes
April 24, 2023

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. April 24, 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 public. Deputy Sheriff Schmidt was also present. Janet Wilson, a member of Tama County Against Wind Turbines, shared that this process has been an expensive and lengthy process but their group will continue to educate the use of farmland for farming and not industrial purposes. Lynn Cizek expressed her great disappointment of the solar meeting being delayed due to Terry Kucera presenting a petition asking for delaying it so farmers could do their planting. Mr. Kucera has signed easements with TED Renewables for solar. He lives outside of Tama County. She said he did not come to my husband or I and talk about his plans to do this, he may have talked to some of our neighbors but not us. There was much discussion about the petition presented last week and the fact that it may officially be acted on later in the regular meeting is very short notice to people who plan to attend. There was also discussion about the possible repowering of the Vienna windfarm in the northwest part of the County. The Board of Adjustment has a meeting scheduled for that on May 3rd.

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

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the April 17th 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.

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

The Supervisors acknowledged that they have received a petition from Tama County citizens asking them to postpone the public hearing scheduled for April 25 at 6:00 pm until after planting is complete to allow all residents on both sides to have their voice heard in crafting a new solar ordinance. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Faircloth to cancel the April 25, 2023 public hearing regarding an industrial solar ordinance and to proceed with the scheduled May 9, 2023 public hearing. Anderson and Faircloth voted aye. Hilmer voted nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to approve a contract with Cost Advisory Services, Inc. for cost allocation services to Tama County. This is a three year contract for \$4,450 per year. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the Auditor's Quarterly Report. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the Veteran Affairs Quarterly Report. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Auditor Kopsa presented a billing form Foundation 2 for a juvenile committal. The court order for the committal was issued by the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa Children's Court. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to deny the claim as it was ordered by the Sac & Fox Meskwaki Court and not a Tama County court. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Karen Murty commented that it would be beneficial to livestream meetings and public hearings. Lynn Cizek commented that Tammy Wise has mentioned that there is money from the CARE Act. Isn't that federal money? Can that be used for livestreaming? Tammy Wise, HR/Insurance Administrator, shared that we would need a server for that. There would also be a yearly fee for maintaining it. The CARE Act money is a onetime payment, the maintenance would be ongoing yearly and the fees would have to be paid by the taxpayers. Laura Wilson asked if the County got more than one quote for livestreaming. Supervisor Hilmer has information on another vendor. Wise replied that it is the Supervisors decision what to with the CARE Act money. If they ask to spend money on livestreaming then we will. Richard Arp asked what Bernie Lowe & Associates was coming here for. Supervisor Anderson replied to go over our health insurance.

Motion by Hilmer seconded by Anderson to recess until the next agenda item at 10:00 am. All voted aye. Motion carried.

At 10:00 Chairman Faircloth called the meeting back in session.

The Board met with Lacy Anderson and an associate from North Risk Partners to get a report on the County's health insurance plan.

Chairman Faircloth adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.