

Board of Supervisors Minutes
May 1, 2023

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. May 1, 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 Boldt was also present. Chairman Faircloth started the comment time by sharing some new guidelines the Supervisors would like to use. There will be a five minute limit. The public will go up to the front of the room, state their name and address and share their comments. They can only speak once. The Supervisors will not comment, they will listen and take in information. Lynn Cizek commented that she has concerns about next week's solar ordinance meeting. She would like to make sure that the Tama County citizens have plenty of time to be heard and not to let the big solar company take over the meeting. She would like the County's attorney to attend that meeting also. There was discussion about companies and contracts and making sure you understand what signing one entails and what you are really getting. Janet Wilson talked about Buchanan County having their first meeting on changing their WECS ordinance. There was a question about livestreaming and a microphone for the Supervisors meetings and if they are formally requesting quotes for this. The Board did not respond. The Supervisors were thanked for working on a solar ordinance and taking in information regarding it. Bev Espenscheid talked about the Mid American repowering of the wind turbines and would really like the Supervisors to look at making some changes to the County's current wind ordinance. There is a Board of Adjustment meeting scheduled for May 3rd regarding repowering the turbines. She would like people to go to this meeting. Some members of the group in attendance stated they would really like the Supervisors to respond to their comments and not have the silence.

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

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the April 24th regular meeting and the April 27th special meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

The new County Engineer, Benton Daleske, P.E. was introduced.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 5-1-2023A

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Tama County, Iowa, that Benton Daleske, P.E., the County Engineer of Tama County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of Tama County to execute the certification of completion of work and final acceptance thereof in accordance with plans and specifications in connection with all Farm-to-Market and Federal or State aid construction projects in this county.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Faircloth, aye. Anderson, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 1st day of May, 2023. Bill Faircloth, Chairman, Tama County Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, County Auditor.

The County Engineer gave a road projects report.

Dr. David Bethel, County Medical Examiner, has asked the Supervisors to appoint an additional death investigator for Tama County. This would allow for cross coverage between Marshall and Tama counties. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to appoint Cortney Watson as a death investigator for Tama County. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Kriegel also asked the Supervisors for an increase for IPAIT (Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust) this is where the County keeps some of its funds. The current limit for this agency is \$4,000,000 she would like to increase that limit to \$6,000,000 as they have a higher interest rate. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve an increase of funds deposited in IPAIT to \$6,000,000 as requested by the County Treasurer. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board met with Amanda Kriegel, County Treasurer, and Ty Rosenberger to discuss a possible tax abatement on Tax Sale Certificate 14-0203. Mr. Rosenberger owns a local mobile home park and this parcel is for an abandoned trailer in his park. He has given the 90 day notice to the current owner and had no response. Rosenberger would like to pay the \$1,530 taxes due and asks that the interest, service fees and publication costs be abated. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to approve abating the fees, interest and costs and sell Tax Sale Certificate #14-0203 on the property to Ty Rosenberger for \$1,530. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There was discussion about the Supervisors changing the public comment policy. Chairman Faircloth shared that he looked at what other counties are doing and based the changes he recommended on that. The members of the public that were present shared that they felt uncomfortable with the silence between speakers and that they wanted feedback from the Supervisors.

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 9:56 a.m.