

**Board of Supervisors Minutes  
February 12, 2024**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. February 12, 2024. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, Bill Faircloth and 3rd District Supervisor, Dan Anderson.

8:30 – 9:15 Employee/Department Head Time

9:15 – 9:30 Public Comment on Agenda Items. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Supervisors Hilmer, Faircloth, Anderson. Tama County Auditor Laura Kopsa, Assistant Auditor Karen Rohrs, members of the public. Deputy Sheriff Randall was also present.

9:30 Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes of the February 5th 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 Faircloth to approve the claims for payment as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to change next week's meeting to **Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup>** due to the Presidents Day holiday. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Faircloth to approve the following resolution regarding the new five (5) Supervisor Districts as assigned by the Legislative Services Agency and the Tama County Redistricting Commission and listed in Ordinance #I.6A which will be published and available in the Tama County Auditor's Office:

**RESOLUTION 2-12-2024A  
APPROVAL OF REDISTRICTING  
PLAN FROM THREE TO FIVE SUPERVISOR DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2022, Tama County voters approved a resolution increasing the number of county supervisors from three to five; and

WHEREAS, Tama County has previously adopted Plan 3 (Iowa Code 331.206(c) (2023), and must add an additional two districts increasing the number of districts from three to five districts; and

WHEREAS, the addition of two districts requires redistricting; and

WHEREAS, the Temporary Redistricting Commission has completed its work and the precinct plan, and the Legislative Services Agency has drawn the five new districts and said plan has been approved by the State of Iowa's Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, the plan for five districts has been presented by the Temporary Redistricting Commission and the County Auditor to the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 331.203(2)(b), a drawing was held and Districts 2 and 3 were drawn for the elected official to serve a two-year term; and elected officials in Districts 1, 4 and 5 will serve a four-year term.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Tama County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the redistricting precinct maps and ordinances for five supervisor districts, and two-year terms for Districts 2 and 3, and four-year terms for Districts 1, 4 and 5. Unanimously approved.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

Roll Call Vote: Faircloth, aye. Anderson, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 12th day of February, 2024. Curt Hilmer, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, County Auditor.

The County Treasurer's Office will be closed Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> for training.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to approve the liquor license for Traer Golf & Country Club. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board met with Billie Van Egmond and Julie Scadden, Dysart, members of Tama County EMS Association to discuss making EMS an essential service. They shared that their association is starting the process of preparing a resolution to declare EMS as an essential service in Tama County so it can be put on the general election ballot in November. Their group is struggling. It is getting very hard to get volunteers and they are having to hire people. There are staffing, training and equipment needs that are not being able to be met. The cost of the training a person runs \$1,200 to \$2,000 and it is hard for cities and the association to come up with that funding. They will be creating an advisory group for this and work on getting a resolution created to present. The Supervisors thanked the ladies and agree that this is necessary.

Ethan Novotny, Chelsea, was present to discuss possible tax certificate re-assignments and abatements on three properties. Tama County has held tax certificate #10-0230 Parcel #14.34.228.004 since 2010. The total amount due, including taxes, special assessments, interest and other costs is \$17,776.00, tax certificate #10-0231 Parcel #14.34.229.005 has been held since 2010. The total amount due, including taxes, special assessments, interest and other costs is \$19,755.00 Tax certificate #21-0257 Parcel #14.27.381.005 has been held since 2021, total amount due, including taxes, special assessments, interest and other costs is \$14,153.00. Mr. Novotny proposes paying one half the taxes due, the special assessment due and asking the Supervisors to abate one half of the taxes, all of the interest and other costs. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Faircloth to re-assign Tama County Tax Certificates #10-0230, #10-231 and #21-057 to Ethan Novotny for one half the taxes due, all of the special assessments and abate the rest of the taxes, interest and other. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Emma Peebles, Chelsea, was present to discuss a possible tax certificate re-assignment and abatement on a property. Tama County has held tax certificate #09-0263 Parcel #20.17.106.010 since 2009. The total amount due, including taxes, special assessments, interest and other costs is \$6,701.00. Ms. Peebles proposes paying the taxes due and is asking the Supervisors to abate all of the interest and other costs. Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to re-assign Tama County Tax Certificate #09-0263 to Coy and Emma Peebles for all of the taxes due and abate the interest and other fees due. All voted aye.

Chairman Hilmer adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m

The Supervisors attended the Department Head Meeting at the Engineer's office.