

**Board of Supervisors Minutes**  
**May 16, 2022**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 9:32 a.m. May 16, 2022. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Larry Vest; 2nd District Supervisor, Bill Faircloth and 3rd District Supervisor, Dan Anderson.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to approve the minutes of the May 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

The Board met with Lyle Brehm, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report.

Dirk Henle, Tama County General Maintenance Supervisor, was present to discuss disposing of a dilapidated building on Tama County pasture land. A concerned citizen called expressing concern of why the building has not been removed yet. The Board directed Mr. Henle to go ahead and have it taken down and take any items inside to the landfill.

The Board met with a large group from the Tama County Against Wind Turbines Coalition. The group met with the Board at 8:30 during their work session to discuss their concerns with the Tama County Zoning Ordinance VI.I Amendment Number 1 Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS). They stayed and were present for the discussion of the Ordinance during the official Supervisors meeting. The Board discussed making changes to the Zoning Ordinance VI.I Amendment Number 1. Members of the Coalition went through a list of questions and concerns and have a petition signed by 800 Tama Countians asking the Board to put a moratorium on any future wind projects until the Ordinance can be revisited and possibly changed to accommodate some of their concerns which include: who enforces the ordinance, what is the complaint and enforcement process, why is the Zoning Director and County Attorney not at this meeting, are there any intentions to make any changes or modifications to the current ordinance, concerns about public safety, specifically – sound, setbacks, noise and what happens if the turbine is de-commissioned ( who is responsible for taking them down), has any research been done on the safety concerns they have presented, have you looked at any other county's wind ordinances. A full copy of the Coalitions concerns is available at the County Auditor's Office. Their main request and concern is to call for a moratorium on permitting of any new industrial wind projects or phases until research can be conducted to update Tama County's outdated ordinances to better protect public safety, productive farmland and the public's quality of life. The group had questions on why the ordinance was not thoroughly reviewed by the Supervisors prior to today when action may be taken. Supervisor Vest responded that a moratorium would have financial repercussions due to a project that is already in progress. The group is opposed to any action being taken today due to what they feel is a lack of consideration of public input and would like the Supervisors to reconsider the concerns brought to them today. Supervisor Vest stated he believes no changes are necessary at this time. The Coalition believes this doesn't serve public safety and interest and has concern that the Zoning Director was not present at this meeting. This issue is not going away and will have lifelong and generational effects. They asked when will this issue be looked at again. The Supervisors stated as long as a developers of a project is currently submitting applications, no changes to the ordinance will be made. There was a question about a Good Neighbor Contract and if anyone has seen one for this

project. This is something between the developer and the property owner so the Supervisors don't have access to them. The group again reiterated that they believe changes should be made to the ordinance after researching some of the concerns that have been brought up. Richard Arp, speaking for the group, thanked the Supervisors for their time and stated he does not want turbines ruining the view he has on his property and doesn't feel like he is being represented by the Supervisors on this matter.

After discussion of the ordinance there was a motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to reaffirm the Tama County Zoning Ordinance VI.I Amendment Number 1 stand as is. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.