

**Board of Supervisors Minutes**  
**August 8, 2022**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. August 8, 2022. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Larry Vest; 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

Present: Supervisors Vest, Faircloth, Anderson. Tama County Auditor Laura Kopsa, several members of the Tama County Against Wind Turbines Coalition. Deputy Sheriff Trevor Killian was also present. Representing the group was Jon Winklepleck, Richard Arp, and Kathy Herkema.

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

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to approve the minutes of the August 1st regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

The Board met with Lyle Brehm, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report. He asked the Board to approve a resolution to remove a stop sign from C Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to approve the following resolution as proposed by the County Engineer:

**Resolution Number 8-8-2022A**

WHEREAS, Tama County has the authority to place stop signs, and

WHEREAS, there are currently stop signs in place at the intersection of 175<sup>th</sup> Street and C Avenue to cause the northbound and westbound traffic to stop, and

WHEREAS, it is believed that at least one of the reasons for stopping the northbound traffic was to facilitate the hauling of grain into Gladbrook, and

WHEREAS, there no longer appears to be a large grain storage facility in Gladbrook,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tama County Board of Supervisors that the northbound stop sign at the intersection of 175<sup>th</sup> Street and C Avenue will be removed, while the westbound stop sign will be left in place. Said change will be effective upon action by the Tama County Highway Department to correct the signing.

Roll Call Vote: Vest, aye. Faircloth, aye. Anderson, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 8th day of August 2022. Dan Anderson, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, Tama County Auditor.

Mr. Brehm also asked the Supervisors to approve a grant application for Safe Streets For All. This is a grant from the Iowa County Engineer's Association to develop a local road safety plan for each county in Iowa. Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to approve the following resolution for an application for Safe Streets For All as presented by the County Engineer:

**Tama County Resolution No. 8-8-2022B**

**RESOLUTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN SS4A GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, as part of the new Federal Transportation Bill, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), there is over \$1B of roadway safety funding available in the form of Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants. To be an eligible applicant for this new safety funding, a county MUST have an eligible Action Plan in place; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA) plans to apply for a SS4A grant to develop and supply all 99 counties in Iowa with an eligible Action Plan at no cost to the counties. ICEA encourages all 99 counties to participate in this grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Tama County Board of Supervisors will commit to achieve significant declines in roadway fatalities and serious injuries in Tama County; and

WHEREAS, the Tama County Board of Supervisors recognizes the Action Plan and will assist the County Engineer's department in achieving the goal of a dramatic decrease in roadway fatalities and serious injuries and zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries by the years 2030 and 2050, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Tama County Board of Supervisors, after consulting with the Tama County Engineer, desires to participate in a joint SS4A grant to develop and receive an eligible Action Plan for Tama County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TAMA COUNTY that this County does hereby request to be included in the statewide SS4A grant to develop Actions Plans for all 99 counties in Iowa. Resolution adopted this 8th day of August, 2022.

Roll Call Vote: Vest, aye. Faircloth, aye. Anderson, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 8th day of August 2022. Dan Anderson, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, Tama County Auditor.

Tammy Wise, HR Director, was present to ask the board for an increase in pay for the Zoning Director, Todd Apfel. The increase in pay is being asked for due to the increased hours the zoning director is putting in. Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to approve an increase of pay for the zoning director. Tammy was questioned by the coalition group about hiring her daughter as the acting County Treasurer and that they felt there was nepotism being done. Tammy stated that she has nothing to do with hiring elected officials and that there is a process in place if an issue were to arise in the treasurer's office with an employee. The issue would be brought to the Auditor's attention and not Tammy's. Larry stated that the board appointed the only Primary Election candidate to the vacant Treasurer's position. Kathy stated that public notice needs to be given for job openings. The coalition was told that public notice was given of the need to appoint a Treasurer by the public notice that was placed in the paper.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to approve the following resolution to appoint an acting County Recorder:

**RESOLUTION 8-8-2022C**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tama County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Amelia Kemper Toledo, as County Recorder, effective August 8, 2022, to fill the vacancy left by Deb Kupka, and until a successor is elected and qualified.

Roll call vote: Vest, aye. Faircloth, aye. Anderson, aye. Resolution passed and approved this 8th day of August, 2022. Dan Anderson, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, Tama County Auditor.

Chairman Anderson swore in Amelia Kemper as Recorder due to the resignation of the current Recorder.

Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to approve a temporary liquor license for Your Personal Bartender, LLC for September 14-September 19. This is for a 2 day music festival to be held on private property south of Chelsea. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to approve a liquor license for Dysart Recreation. This is an annual renewal. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to appoint Kurt Kelley to the Board of Adjustment. This is due to the death of a former member. The term will run through 6/30/23. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to re-appoint Craig Sash to the Zoning Commission. His term expired June 30, 2022. This is for a five year term. 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 9:58 a.m.

At 10:30 the Supervisors attended a Department Head meeting at the Engineer's Office.