

Board of Supervisors Minutes
August 22, 2022

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. August 22, 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 – Katherine Ollendieck, Economic Development Director, gave an update on a housing conference and projects, Iowa Juvenile Home, RAGBRAI, Kwik Star, Restonic and Iowa Premium Beef.

9:00-9:30 Public Comment Time The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Supervisors Vest, Faircloth, Anderson. Tama County Auditor Laura Kopsa, several members of the Tama County Against Wind Turbines Coalition. Deputy Sheriff Killian was also present. Representing the group were Jon Winkelpleck and Richard Arp. Mr. Winkelpleck asked why there was no mention at last week’s meeting of a special closed session to be held on Wednesday August 17th to discuss litigation. He made a formal request to have the Zoning Commission meet to update the Tama County Wind Energy Conversion System Ordinance and to consider an approach for industrial solar projects. He had comments about the agenda item for today regarding a ballot initiative regarding County governance. Feels it should be more transparent, reflecting that it is a proposal to go from 3 to 5 Supervisors. Various other members of the public had comments. Comments ended at 9:30. The detailed notes are available in the County Auditor’s office.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to approve the minutes of the August 15th regular meeting and August 17th special meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

The Board had a written request from Lyle Brehm, County Engineer, regarding a bridge replacement. Bids were taken in Ames on August 16th for the replacement of the bridge over Deer Creek on Business 30 near Toledo. The bridge is located just outside the west city limits of Toledo. The low bidder and other relevant information follows:

Project: Bridge Replacement on Business 30 over Deer Creek

Project Type: Bridge Replacement – PPCB (Concrete bridge deck on concrete beams, bridge will be similar in length to current bridge but is going from 28’ wide to 40’ wide.)

Project No.: BRS-SWAP-C086(107)--FF-86

Contract No: 86-C086-107

Contractor: Peterson Contractors Inc.

Cost: \$1,599,632.01 (Estimated cost was \$1,751,082.50).

Project Time: Start Date of 4/3/2023, which means the 2023 construction season.

The low bid is less than the estimate by almost 9% (\$151,450.49). Mr. Brehm’s recommendation is for the Board to award the project to the Low Bidder (PCI) and to direct the contract documents to be signed by County Auditor Laura Kopsa upon their return from the contractor. Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to award the replacement of the bridge over Deer Creek on Business 30 to PCI in the amount of \$1,599,632.01. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The board was presented with a petition signed by registered voters of Tama County last week from Linda Moeller. The registered voters are petitioning the Board of Supervisors of Tama County to

increase the number of supervisors from three to five. Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 8-22-2022A

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 331.203, Code of Iowa, the Board of Supervisors may by resolution submit to the registered voters of the county at a general election a proposition to increase the number of Tama County supervisors from three to five, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believe that the registered voters of Tama County deserve an open, transparent, and honest discussion regarding the degree of representation they desire on the board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believe that the registered voters of Tama County wish to be heard on the issue of whether to increase the Board of Supervisors from three to five members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESLOVED, by the board of Supervisors, Tama County, Iowa, whom this date met in lawful session, that the question of whether to increase the Tama County Board of Supervisors from three to five members shall be submitted to the registered voters of the county in the next general election.

Roll Call Vote: Vest, aye. Faircloth, aye. Anderson, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 22nd day of August 2022. Dan Anderson, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, Tama County Auditor.

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

Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting 9:48 a.m.