

**Board of Supervisors Minutes
September 12, 2022**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. September 12, 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

9:00-9:32 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 Brian Randall was also present. Richard Arp spoke for the group. He quoted Section 331.301 of the Iowa Code which states – A County may exercise any power and perform any functions to protect the rights, privileges, property, safety, health and welfare of its residents. This means at any time Tama County can make changes to protect residents rights, not to protect companies to exploit those rights. He questioned the item agenda to appoint the same attorney to represent Tama County in a lawsuit filed by Heather Knebel. He thinks it is unethical. Asked why do you think Salt Creek Wind will sue the County? Are they bullying you? He referred to a recent Madison County suit where those Supervisors passed an ordinance, were sued and paid no damages. The company did not seek monetary damages from the County. In fact the company recently announced that they were cancelling the project. Our coalition is ready to partner with you and update the ordinance. Comments were made in regard to re-appointing Craig Sash to the Zoning Commission. The group feels there should have been a woman appointed to comply with gender balance on the commission. Livestreaming Tama County public meetings was brought up along with adding microphones to the Supervisors meeting room. There were comments about turbines and solar farms damaging our crop land and quality of life.

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

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to approve the minutes of the September 6th regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

The Board met with Lyle Brehm, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report. He presented a resolution for a speed limit on P Avenue due to ongoing road construction on Highway 63. Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 09-12-2022A

RESOLUTION FOR ESTABLISHING A SPEED LIMIT

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of Iowa Code Sections 321.255 and 321.285 to determine the speed limit of any secondary road is greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing, and may determine and declare a reasonable and proper speed limit, and

WHEREAS, the current closure of US63 from Traer to Hudson has caused increased traffic on P Avenue in this area,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the speed limit is established effective immediately and terminating upon the reopening of US63 from Traer to Hudson, and appropriate signs shall be erected at the location described as follows;

35 mph on P Avenue commencing at the Traer Corporate Limits and proceeding north to the Black Hawk County Line.

Roll Call Vote: Vest, aye. Faircloth, aye. Anderson, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 12th day of September 2022. Dan Anderson, Chairman, Board of Supervisors.

Tammy Wise, HR, Insurance Administrator, asked the Supervisors to sign the Health Partner Service Agreement. The Supervisors approved this at a previous meeting and now the official document is ready to sign.

Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to set the first tier canvas of the September 13 Special Elections for Monday September 19th at 8:00 am, and the second tier canvas for Monday September 26th at 8:00 am. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Supervisors have received notice of a lawsuit, Heather Knebel vs. Board of Adjustment of Tama County, Iowa. Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to approve hiring Carlton Salmons, Attorney, to represent Tama County in this lawsuit. 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 9:48 a.m.