

**Board of Supervisors Minutes
September 19, 2022**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:00 a.m. September 19, 2022. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Larry Vest; 2nd District Supervisor, Bill Faircloth and 3rd District Supervisor, Dan Anderson.

The Board met to do the First Tier Canvas of the Gladbrook-Reinbeck and Benton Community Special School Elections held on September 13, 2022. Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 09-19-2022A
CERTIFICATION (CANVASS) OF TAMA COUNTY ELECTION RESULTS,
SPECIAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the SPECIAL ELECTION was held as prescribed by law on September 13, 2022, and WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors and ex-officio Board of Canvassers have canvassed the vote of said election in accordance with §50.24 of the *Code of Iowa*, now therefore

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that we, the undersigned members of the Board of Supervisors and ex-officio Board of Canvassers of Tama County, Iowa, do hereby certify the following TURNOUT REPORT and RESULTS in the SPECIAL ELECTION, held September 13, 2022, and that no obvious clerical errors were identified during the canvass.

Eight hundred seventy-seven (877) people voted at the polls on election day.

Eighty-one (81) absentee ballots were accepted for counting.

A total of nine hundred fifty-eight (958) people voted.

DATED THIS 19th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022.

Roll Call Vote: Vest, aye. Faircloth, aye. Anderson, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 19th day of September, 2022. Dan Anderson, Chairman, Tama County Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, County Auditor.

Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting 8:14 a.m.

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. September 19, 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 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. Heather Knebel spoke, she is the plaintiff in the lawsuit the Supervisors took action on last week. She explained what her suit was for. It is a Declaratory Judgement asking for clarification of the Conditional Use Permits issued in 2020. She is asking that the court have them declared illegal and void. She believes those permits are in violation of Iowa Code 335.2 because those permits allow over 2,638 acres of land to be taken out of production. She was not notified of the meeting to approve the permits because her property is not within the distance stated in the ordinance to give notice to. There were questions from the group about the applications for the Zoning Commission due to the resignation of one of the members. They wanted to know how and when the Supervisors

will make their decision. They encouraged the Supervisors to appoint a woman to achieve gender balance as required by law.

Jim Husak, Montour, was present to share his support of the turbine ordinance and allowing landowners to do what they see fit on their property. It will help the economy in Tama County with the tax revenues that will benefit schools and infrastructure. Local hotels and restaurants will also benefit. There were other positive comments like this made by those in attendance.

There were comments in favor of livestreaming Supervisors meetings.

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

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to approve the minutes of the September 12th regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

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

The Board met with Tammy Wise, HR/Insurance Administrator, She presented an amendment to the Health Partners Summary Plan Description. This is to add language regarding COVID to the plan. This was approved at a previous meeting and the document is now ready to be signed.

Supervisor Vest shared some comments about an incident that occurred after last week's meeting. There was a complaint about an employee/Department Head visiting with the Supervisors after they had adjourned their meeting, in their meeting room with members of the public present. An individual in attendance did not think that should be allowed and appeared to be inappropriate to him as all three Supervisors were together (quorum) and what was being discussed was not being done at an open meeting. Mr. Vest shared that what was being discussed was not anything for them to take action on, and that the Supervisors are allowed to have ministerial/social interactions with employees and members of the public. This is stated in the Iowa Code.

The Board met with Jim Roan, representing Tama County Abstract, to discuss a tax sale certificate re-assignment they got from the County on April 11, 2022. They have met the 90 day notification requirement to take deed to the property and would like to ask the Supervisors to abate all but \$500 of the taxes due on the property now that they will have the deed on it. They plan to make repairs and improvements to the side of their building and get the vacant lot back on the tax rolls. Mr. Roan and the Supervisors came to an agreement of \$650. Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to abate all but \$650 of the taxes, interest and penalties due on Parcel 14-15-455-005, Tax Sale Certificate #16-0198. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Amanda Kriegel, County Treasurer, met with the Supervisors to ask them to approve/sign a 28E Agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for her office. This is for issuing drivers licenses in her office. Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to approve a 28E Agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation and the Tama County Treasurer's Office. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board met with Ty Rosenberger, Toledo, to discuss a possible reassignment of Tax Sale Certificate #14-0203 for the amount of taxes due which is \$1,530 and asks the Board to abate the fees and interest. This is for a mobile home in a trailer park he owns. Mr. Rosenberger has/will

send out the 90 day notice to the owner but that time has not been met yet. The Board advised him to come back when the 90 days have passed and they will consider his request.

The Board met with Doug Dvorak and Wade Mitchell, Zoning Commission members, to discuss a recent Zoning Commission meeting they had on September 12th to discuss and consider possible changes to the WECS Ordinance. He shared that they had about 20 people in attendance, there were three zoning commission members present. They reviewed several items in the ordinance and need to have more discussions, meetings and do some more research on some of those. They did approve a moratorium on any new projects for the next six months at their meeting. Their main goal is to protect county residents. They will meet again on October 3rd.

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

Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.