

**Board of Supervisors Minutes**  
**October 17, 2022**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. October 17, 2022. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Larry Vest; 2nd District Supervisor, Bill Faircloth (at 9:28 by phone) 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 and Anderson, Faircloth attended by phone at 9:28. Tama County Auditor Laura Kopsa, several members of the Tama County Against Wind Turbines Coalition. There was not a representative from the Sheriff's office able to be present. Cody Hamilton spoke on behalf of Tama County Against Turbines Coalition. He shared that he and his wife are lifelong Tama County residents and have two sons. They plan to live here for all of their lives. Tama County makes up .00019% of the 3.7 million square miles of land in the US. Even though we are insignificant in size we are anything but insignificant. We have soil that drains well and holds moisture. Our top soil goes down about 14 inches and the subsoil goes down over 4 feet. We don't want to lose this top soil. It will take over 100 years to replace it. Concrete pads don't disintegrate and decompose, it doesn't hold moisture and have ingredients for growing. The transmission lines go through the cropland. They aren't bored under roads or in ditches like our utilities are.. These will be here for decades. Turbines are not a reasonable solution, there are lifelong consequences. Our children and grandchildren will be left to deal with this. Tama County soil needs to be fought for and saved. It only takes two of you to fight for our County. You would be forever recognized and admired for your stand on this issue. The turbine people don't permanently live here in our County. They won't be the ones to help you if you have a flat tire on one our roads, we will. Don't be blackmailed and bullied into not standing for your fellow citizens by threats of a lawsuit. Karen Murty shared that she is afraid for our lives and seasons. I work outside all the time. I've spoken with people who have signed contracts and some of them are moving into town or have a home in another state. They don't care. I believe you are being threatened or something. Rita Dostal commented on eagles and bats and all other wildlife that need to be protected. She feels people should be able to get out of their contracts. They don't always understand how much control they are giving up of their land. Jon Winkelpleck stated that they have farmers donating grain daily, weekly to help with the cost of this lawsuit. They are receiving donations from lots of people. We are not going away.

Richard Arp stated that his lawsuit was dismissed not decided. The Judge chose not make a decision. He did not address the issue. I will not appeal it. Heather Knebel's lawsuit will not be dropped, we will appeal it to the Supreme Court. It's a big issue and will cost a lot of money but we have tremendous support.

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

Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to approve the minutes of the October 10th regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

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

Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to approve the Chelsea Law Enforcement Contract. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to approve the Auditor's Quarterly Report. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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 9:37 a.m.