

**Board of Supervisors Minutes
February 13, 2023**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. February 13, 2023. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 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 Hilmer, Faircloth, Anderson. Tama County Auditor Laura Kopsa, several members of the Tama County Against Wind Turbines Coalition. Deputy Sheriff Schmidt was also present. Bev Espenscheid spoke on behalf of the group. She shared that utility bills are a hot topic right now. Summer rates are higher than winter rates. Summer is when turbines produce the least amount of energy. Are these companies reducing the rates or keeping the profits. She has not seen a reduction on her bill. Turbine companies pay taxes on only 30% of the value of the turbine. There is concern about repowering the Vienna turbines and what is required to do that. The Supervisors will look into that. Also about possible damage to the roads while doing that. There is a Road Use Agreement in place that requires the turbine company to take care of all those road issues. She and the group asked the Supervisors to put a moratorium on wind projects while the County works on updating the wind ordinance and creating an industrial solar ordinance. They are ready and willing to help.

There were also concerns about CO2 pipelines coming through the County and making EMS an essential function.

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

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the February 6th regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

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

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to move next week's meeting to **Tuesday February 21st** due to the Presidents Day holiday. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Laura Kopsa, Auditor, presented a request for a resolution for the American Cares Act Funds and the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds (LATC). Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 02-13-2023A

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND
WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the 109 trillion-dollar American Rescue Plan Act and,

WHEREAS, Tama County applied for and has been received funds for the American Rescue Plan Act totaling \$3,200,000.00 and the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund totaling \$100,000
WHEREAS, the Tama County Board of Supervisors has reviewed some requests and determined some that will qualify for the American Rescue Plan Act and the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund and

WHEREAS, based on the distribution guidelines from the US Department of Treasury, the following projects have been approved for the use in the second round of said funds:

- Tama County Sheriff Department – Computers and equipment for vehicles, \$75,000 (LATC)
- Tama County Secondary Roads- Rock and rock hauling – 100,000 (ARPA)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tama County Board of Supervisors endorses the disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act Funds and the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds for the items listed and authorizes the Auditor to make these payments as they are presented.

Roll call vote: Hilmer, Aye. Faircloth, aye. Anderson, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed and adopted this 13th day of February, 2023. Bill Faircloth, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, County Auditor.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to approve the Veteran Affairs Quarterly Report. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Faircloth adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.