

Board of Supervisors Minutes
April 10, 2023

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. April 10, 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, along with several citizens. Deputy Sheriff Schmidt was also present. There was discussion about exemptions being made to ordinances and questions about what circumstances would allow that to happen. Lynn Cizek would like the solar ordinance to have some teeth to it so exemptions aren't allowed. The Supervisors stated they are open to making changes to the proposed solar ordinance and that is why they are having a public meeting about it. There were questions about if the attorney handling this issue or the County Attorney and the Zoning Commission would be attending the public meeting or if they have even been invited. There were comments about livestreaming county meetings and updating the Supervisors room with microphones and a podium. This is something that is not required and could cost up to \$10,000. Only twenty two out of ninety nine counties livestream their meetings. People present at this meeting would like livestreaming and microphones looked into. Karen Murty shared that a lot of people here have put a year into researching wind and now solar, they would like everyone to know what is going on in the county. The detailed notes are available in the County Auditor's office.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the April 3rd regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

The Board met with Jesse Ward, Assistant to the Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report. He presented an Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement for Traffic Safety Improvement Program Funding. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to approve signing the IDOT Agreement for Traffic Safety Improvement Program Funding. All voted aye. Motion carried. He also asked the Board to approve him as being an authorized signer for construction projects to pay contractors until a new engineer is in place. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve Jesse Ward, Assistant County Engineer, as an authorized signer for construction projects for payment. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to set the FY24 Tama County Budget Hearing for Thursday April 27th at 8:30 am in the Board of Supervisors meeting room. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to officially re-schedule the Solar Ordinance public hearing to Tuesday April 25th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Reining Center in Toledo. This was rescheduled due to threatening weather on April 4th. All voted aye. Motion carried. After some discussion with the members of the public that were present it was thought to be a good idea to go ahead and set a second hearing date in case of bad weather again and in case after the first meeting there may be a need for another one. Motion by Hilmer to rescind the original motion, seconded by Anderson. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to set up two public meetings for the solar

ordinance, one for Tuesday April 25th and one for Tuesday May 9th both at the Toledo Reining Center from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Faircloth adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.