

**Board of Supervisors Minutes**  
**April 17, 2023**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. April 17, 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, and several members of the public. Deputy Sheriff Boldt was also present. There was discussion about the supervisor redistricting, going from three to five, and how that was going. Auditor Kopsa explained the process. The first step is for the three current supervisors to each make an appointment to the redistricting commission and then have meetings where they draw new proposed districts and then have public hearings on their decision. The topic of a new engineer was brought up. There was one applicant, he was interviewed and accepted the position. The need to fill the two open spots on the Zoning Commission was also discussed. The budgeting process was explained. The repowering of the Vienna turbines was also brought up. Terry Kucera, who has signed easements with TED Renewables, was present and talked about why he decided to sign the easements and explained what he thinks the solar project can do for Tama County. There was much discussion back and forth. He also presented a petition to delay the solar ordinance hearings until after the farmers get done with their planting.

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

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the April 10th 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.

Tammy Wise, HR/Insurance Administrator, shared that the Supervisors have interviewed and made an offer to an individual to become the new County Engineer. There was one applicant. He has accepted the offer. There are two contracts, one for May1-June 30, 2023 and a three year contract from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to authorize the Chairman to sign the contracts to hire Benton Daleske, PE effective May 1, 2023. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Wise also let the Supervisors know that the Assistant Engineer, Jesse Ward, has turned in his resignation effective April 28, 2023.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the Sheriff's Quarterly report. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Laura Kopsa, Auditor asked the Board to approve a transfer of \$492,083.36 from the Vienna TIF Fund to the Debt Service Fund to cover the bond payment due on June 1<sup>st</sup>. These are funds collected from property taxes to cover this expense. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to approve the following transfer of funds:

### **RESOLUTION 4-17-2023B**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tama County Board of Supervisors approves the transfer of \$492,083.36 from the Vienna TIF Fund (0015) to the Debt Service Fund (2100) as requested by the Tama County Auditor.

Roll call vote: Hilmer, Aye. Faircloth, Aye. Anderson, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed and adopted this 17th day of April, 2023. Bill Faircloth, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, County Auditor.

At 9:45 the Board held a public hearing regarding the maximum property tax dollars that can be levied for FY24 property taxes. The Board's intention is to keep the levy rate asked close to the same for the previous fiscal year. There will be a slight increase for the General Service Levy due to wage increases. Chairman Faircloth opened the hearing up to public comments. Public comments: None. At 9:54 Chairman Faircloth closed the public hearing. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the following resolution for maximum property tax dollars for FY24:

### **Resolution #4-17-2023A**

#### **Maximum Property Tax Dollars Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Tama County Board of Supervisors have considered the proposed FY 23/24 county maximum property tax dollars for both General County Services and Rural County Services, and

WHEREAS, a notice concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on county web site and/or social media accounts if applicable,

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was held on 4/17/2023,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Tama County that the maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Services for FY 23/24 shall not exceed the following:

- General County Services: \$7,594,644; an increase of 4.29% from the prior year
- Rural County Services: \$2,728,345; a change of 4.59% from the prior year

Roll call vote: Hilmer, Aye. Faircloth, Aye. Anderson, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed and adopted this 17th day of April, 2023. Bill Faircloth, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, County Auditor.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the Recorder's Quarterly report. 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 9:58 a.m.