

**Board of Supervisors Minutes
October 30, 2023**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. October 30, 2023. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer and 3rd District Supervisor, Dan Anderson. 2nd District Supervisor, Bill Faircloth was absent.

8:30 – 9:15 Employee/Department Head Time

9:15 – 9:30 Public Comment on Agenda Items The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Supervisors Hilmer and Anderson. Tama County Auditor Laura Kopsa, Assistant Auditor Karen Rohrs, members of the public. Deputy Sheriff Killian was also present. Karen Murty, Toledo, spoke about the agenda item for the Bird Friendly Community. She has concerns about protecting predatory birds and the bird flu. The disease is carried from farm to farm and can affect farms that raise chicken and ducks. She feels nature should be allowed to take care of the problem and is against the bird friendly resolution. Laura Wilson, Dysart, shared that she is for the bird resolution. She has concerns about putting this in place when we have other rules that contradict it such as wind turbines and solar. She hopes the Supervisors will use this a springboard to review those other policies. She also asked if this will require any funding from the County. The Naturalist replied no.

9:30 Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the October 23rd regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Faircloth called in to the meeting.

The Board met with Tim Dolezal, Tama County Secondary Foreman, to get a road projects report.

Raina Genaw, Tama County Naturalist, presented a request for a resolution of support for being designated as Bird Friendly Community. She explained that this is for greater bird education in the County, which she is already doing. It will help provide better habitat for birds, conservation easements, control evasive plant species, provide housing/nesting areas for birds, and reduce threats to birds. It can help with tourism and provide more educational opportunities. It will also open up more grant opportunities for the County. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 10-30-2023A

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR BEING DESIGNATED AS BIRD FRIENDLY
COMMUNITY**

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| WHEREAS, | birds are the most common visible wildlife on Earth; and |
| WHEREAS, | nearly 50 million Americans enjoy bird-watching; and |
| WHEREAS, | all outdoor areas can become important habitat for birds; and |
| WHEREAS, | cities and counties may contain important functional ecosystems and biodiversity hotspots; and |
| WHEREAS, | birds are threatened by a variety of human actions through habitat loss, window collisions, invasive species, pollution, litter, excessive pesticide use, and more; and |
| WHEREAS, | certain steps may be taken by individuals as well as the county as a whole to protect and educate about birds; |

BE IT RESOLVED that we the Tama County Board of Supervisors do hereby resolve to increase quality wildlife habitat, reduce threats to birds, increase education regarding birds, and encourage citizen engagement with birds through various means of support. These actions shall be carried out for the betterment of Tama County as a whole.

Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Faircloth, aye. Anderson, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed and adopted this 30th day of October, 2023. Curt Hilmer, Vice Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, County Auditor.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Faircloth to approve a temporary liquor license for the Traveling Tapster for a Shop & Sip near Chelsea November 10-14th. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Vice Chairman Hilmer adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.