

Board of Supervisors Minutes
April 22, 2024

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. April 22, 2024. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, Bill Faircloth. 3rd District Supervisor, Dan Anderson, was absent.

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

9:15 – 9:30 Meeting called to order. Present: Supervisors Hilmer, Faircloth. Tama County Auditor Laura Kopsa, Assistant Auditor Karen Rohrs, members of the public. Deputy Sheriff Schmidt was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Public Comment on Agenda Items: There were comments on the proposed Public Meeting Procedural Rules. Some thought it gives the impression that the Supervisors don't want public comments. Some present did not like the use of the word silent in the rules of conduct. They believe the Chair should keep decorum if there is an issue, which he does. At 9:25 Supervisor Anderson called in to the meeting and was put on speaker phone.

9:30 Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes of the April 15th regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

The Board met with Ben Daleske, Tama County Engineer, prior to the meeting and discussed the four 10 hour workdays his department works in the summer in regard to the Fourth of July holiday.

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

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to set the public hearing for the FY24 budget amendment on Monday May 13th at 10:00 am. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Faircloth to approve a liquor license for Fox Ridge Winery. All voted aye. Motion carried.

At 9:46 Chairman Hilmer opened the first public hearing of Ordinance V.14 Public Meeting Procedural Rules. Public comments: There was opposition to adding unnecessary ordinances. Most of what is in the ordinance is in the Iowa Code already. It was asked how there would be enforcement of this ordinance and that maybe it could be put in a handbook as the County already has a public comment policy. Is your intention to adopt all of this or part of it? It needs to be more streamlined. The conflict of interest portion is two pages long, how are you going to handle this? You need to include that. Remain silent is too strong, maybe say remain civil. See what other counties are doing. Tammy Wise, Insurance Administrator, shared that this ordinance was put together by the Heartland Risk Pool attorneys and all counties (10) in this pool are adding this ordinance also upon their advice. The County must have transparency, discussion and accountability. At 9:59 Chairman Hilmer closed the public hearing. Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to approve the first reading of Ordinance V.14 Public Meeting Procedural Rules. All voted aye. Motion carried. The next hearing is scheduled for April 29th at 9:45 am. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available in the County Auditor's office.

At 10:11 Anderson left the meeting.

The Supervisors meet with Bernie Lowe, from Bernie Lowe & Associates, to discuss the North Risk Partners Renewal.

Chairman Hilmer adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m