

Board of Supervisors Minutes
May 13, 2024

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. May 13, 2024. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, Bill Faircloth and 3rd District Supervisor, Dan Anderson.

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

9:15 – 9:30 Meeting called to order. Present: Supervisors Hilmer, Faircloth, Anderson. Tama County Auditor Laura Kopsa, Assistant Auditor Karen Rohrs, members of the public. Deputy Sheriff Killian was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Public Comment on Agenda Items: There comments on the proposed Public Meeting Procedural Rules Ordinance regarding if other counties have this in place. Hardin County does and Benton County is working on it. This was discussed at a recent insurance risk pool meeting attended by Supervisor Anderson and he stated all ten counties were in support of and willing to consider this for their counties. Many felt it should be passed as a guideline and not an ordinance. Some feel it is redundant as the state code already sets rules for this.

9:30 Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes of the May 6th regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

The Board met with Ben Daleske, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report.

Tammy Wise, HR/Insurance Administrator, shared that the employee handbook has been revised. The supervisors asked for a couple of weeks to review it. She also reminded them of the department head meeting today at 10:30.

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

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to appoint Sarah Beyer to the Tama Public Library Board of Trustees, replacing Dee Shope who has resigned. All voted aye. Motion carried.

At 9:45 the Supervisors considered making EMS an essential service and read the following proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION 5-20-2024A

RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO BE AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE

A resolution by Tama County to declare emergency medical services (EMS) to be an essential county service as authorized by Iowa Code Section 422D.1.

WHEREAS, Tama County [provides/contracts for/supports] EMS to its residents.

WHEREAS, ensuring efficient and effective EMS coverage is essential for maintaining the health and welfare of its residents.

WHEREAS, in order to be able to efficiently and effectively provide EMS to its residents, the Board of Supervisors will proceed with the process under Iowa Code Section 422D.1 to declare emergency medical services as an essential county service in order to allow an ad valorem property tax for EMS and the creation of a county emergency medical services system advisory council to assist in researching and assessing the service needs of the county and guiding implementation of the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Tama County hereby declares emergency medical services to be an essential county service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Tama County directs that notice of the first meeting to consider this resolution is made and any other actions be taken as necessary to proceed with the process under Iowa Code Section 422D.1 to declare EMS be an essential county service.

HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Tama County on this 20th day of May, 2024.

Comments: Oversight of the funds is definitely needed. There was a question from the public on the responses to the public surveys that were sent out. The EMS director stated that they received 700 responses mostly in favor of making EMS an essential service. There is a local website that has the most frequently asked questions and responses on it for the public to look at.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Faircloth to approve the first reading of Resolution 5-20-2024A A Resolution Declaring Emergency Medical Services To Be An Essential Service. The next reading of the proposed resolution is Tuesday May 14th at 9:45 am.

Laura Kopsa, Auditor asked the Board to approve a transfer of \$510,735 from the Vienna TIF Fund to the Debt Service Fund to cover the bond payment due on June 1st. These are funds collected from property taxes to cover this expense. Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to approve the following transfer of funds:

RESOLUTION 5-13-2024D

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tama County Board of Supervisors approves the transfer of \$510,375.00 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 13th day of May, 2024. Curt Hilmer, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, County Auditor.

At 10:00 the Board held a public hearing for a budget amendment for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. The Board reviewed the amendment. Public comments: None. The hearing ended at 10:03. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Faircloth to approve the following resolution to amend the 2023-2024 county budget expenditures as published:

RESOLUTION 5-13-2024B

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tama County Board of Supervisors hereby approves an amendment to the 2023-2024 County Budget expenditures as follows:

- Public Safety & Legal Services \$122,000 – Increased costs for fuel, medical, food and board & lodging for the Sheriff’s Department, increased legal/court fees for juveniles
- Physical Health & Social Services \$336,163 – Grant & donations received by the Public Health Office
- County Environment & Education \$23,186 – cost sharing for zoning and weed commissioner
- Roads & Transportation \$1,155,030 – new county shop, concrete, contract labor for roads
- Government Services to Residents \$16,600 – costs for special elections, salary correction – Auditor’s office
- Administration \$21,000 – Increased costs for legal notices and election supplies

Total amendment \$1,673,979.00. Of this amount \$1,569,979.00 will be reimbursed by grants and donations received and insurance money received. The difference is \$104,000.00 which is covered by reserves.

Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Faircloth, aye. Anderson, aye. Resolution passed and approved this 13th day of May, 2024. Curt Hilmer, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, Tama County Auditor.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to approve the following resolution to appropriate the funds for the 2023-2024 county budget expenditures as amended:

RESOLUTION 5-13-2024C

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing amendment is appropriated to department budgets as follows:

Supervisors	(01)	\$20,000	Increased legal fees
Auditor	(02)	\$17,600	Increased special election fees, Salary correction
Sheriff	(05)	\$112,000	Increased fuel, food & lodging, medical costs
Zoning	(10)	\$11,593	Cost sharing of zoning commissioner
Secondary Roads	(20)	\$1,155,030	New county shop, concrete, contract labor
Public Health	(23)	\$336,163	Grants & donations received
Weed	(24)	\$11,593	Cost sharing of weed commissioner
Legal & Court	(31)	\$10,000	Increased juvenile costs
TOTAL		\$1,673,979.00	Net change

Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Faircloth, aye. Anderson, aye. Resolution passed and approved this 13th day of May, 2024. Curt Hilmer, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, Tama County Auditor.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Faircloth to approve the following resolution to re-appropriate funds:

RESOLUTION 5-13-2024D

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tama County Board of Supervisors hereby approves a re-appropriation of funds as follows:

Supervisors (01) \$15,000 to cover increased expenses in Data Processing (52).

Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Faircloth, aye. Anderson, aye. Resolution passed and approved this 13th day of May, 2024. Curt Hilmer, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, Tama County Auditor.

Board member Dan Anderson attended the Heartland Risk Pool meeting on May 9th, and shared with the other supervisors and public attending today's meeting that Hardin County has adopted a public meeting ordinance and Benton County is working on one. The board has held three public hearings for a proposed Ordinance #V.14 Public Meetings Procedural Rules. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Faircloth to approve the following resolution regarding Public Meeting Procedural Rules:

RESOLUTION 5-13-2024E

Ordinance #V.14 Public Meeting Procedural Rules

WHEREAS, the Board has held three public readings, one each on April 22, April 29 and May 6, 2024, concerning the proposed Ordinance #V.14 Public Meetings Procedural Rules,

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance provides for the establishment of public meeting procedural rules and is following Code of Iowa,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors allowed written and verbal objections to the proposed Ordinance V.14,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, upon final publication of this Ordinance, it be enrolled in the County's Book of Ordinances and in effect on the date of publication.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, Nay. Faircloth, aye. Anderson, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 13th day of May, 2024. Curt Hilmer, Chairman, Tama County Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, County Auditor.

Chairman Hilmer adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m