

**Board of Supervisors Minutes**  
**May 14, 2024**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 9:45 a.m. May 14, 2024. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, Bill Faircloth and 3rd District Supervisor, Dan Anderson.

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 second 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: Several members of local ambulance services were present to voice their support. They have sent out a survey regarding this to Tama County residents the responses show most of the residents support this. Especially if there is oversight, which there will be by an advisory council and if the money collected stays in a separate account/fund, which it will. There is such a shortage of volunteers and these services are also helping communities without EMS services which stretches them pretty thin. Funding would certainly help this situation along with being able to purchase needed equipment. Comments ended at 9:58 am.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to approve the second reading of Resolution 5-20-2024A A Resolution Declaring Emergency Medical Services To Be An Essential Service.

Chairman Hilmer adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m