Board of Supervisors Minutes September 23, 2024

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. September 23, 2024. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, Bill Faircloth and 3rd District Supervisor, Dan Anderson. Also, Assistant Auditor Karen Rohrs and members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to approve the agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: There was a question regarding the cropland and pastureland lease. The board was asked if there would be more discussion on the courthouse lawn policy. A member of the public stated they felt that the EMS tax levy should only be placed on residential property and not rural cropland. Questions were answered about the upcoming election.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Faircloth to approve the minutes of the September 16th regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Emma Peebles was present to discuss a possible tax certificate re-assignment and abatement on certificate #090262. Tama County has held tax certificate #090262 since 2009. The total amount due, including taxes, interest, special assessment, and other costs is \$5,645. Ms. Peebles proposes paying half the taxes due in the amount of \$846 and asking the Supervisors to abate \$846 of the taxes, \$2,860 interest, \$56 miscellaneous fees and \$1,037 on a special assessment for the City of Chelsea. This would get the property back on the tax rolls. Ms. Peebles stated she needs to approach the City of Chelsea to see if they will waive the special assessment fees. There was discussion between the Supervisors and Ms. Peebles. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Faircloth to re-assign Tama County Tax Certificate #090262 to Emma Peebles for \$846 (one half of the taxes) and abate the rest of the taxes, interest and miscellaneous fees if the City of Chelsea agrees to waive the special assessments. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Karen Rohrs, Assistant Tama County Auditor, informed the board that the county cropland and county pastureland leases expired on March 1, 2024, and that the written notice of lease termination to the tenants was not given prior to the September 1st deadline. She asked the board if they would approve extending the leases for another year. Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to approve extending the leases for another year. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Hilmer adjourned the meeting at 8:57 am