

Board of Supervisors Minutes
December 23, 2024

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Before the agenda was approved, Chairman Hilmer stated that the board would be taking action to remove the HR contract from the agenda and that no public comments were needed since it would be removed.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Mike Marquess, city attorney for Gladbrook, and Trudi Scott, Gladbrook's mayor, were present to tell the supervisors that the city is in the process of getting rid of old and dilapidated buildings. They are receiving grants to take down the buildings and that later they will be back to approach the board to hopefully forgive back taxes on the properties. There were questions on how it was decided on which bank would hold the EMS levy funds. The treasurer makes that decision since she was elected to run that office and that LSB is one of the banks the board approved at the beginning of the year. The board was asked if there would be a public hearing on the budget today to approve raises. There is no public hearing on the budget today to approve raises. That budget public hearing is held in April where the board officially acts on approving the budget which includes the raises. Today the board will act on what the compensation board presents to them so that department heads can proceed with getting their budgets ready for the new fiscal year.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to remove acting on the HR contract from the agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Mark Newburg from Region 6 was present to discuss possible funding for their public transit service in Tama/Toledo for seniors and disabled residents. Marty Wymore was in to speak with the supervisors on October 14th, and stated he would return after he had spoken to the cities of Tama and Toledo. Mark stated he had attended a joint meeting with the cities of Tama and Toledo and would recommend the board of supervisors pay a third of the projected cost for the transit services. This would roughly calculate to \$3,800 of the estimated total of \$11,400 for fiscal year 2026.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Faircloth to approve funding a third of the public transit service provided by Region 6. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Nick Podhajsky, Susan Jones, and Benjamin Schemmel were present to discuss the Compensation Board's recommendation for salaries for elected officials. Their recommendation was 0% for supervisors and 6% for all other elected officials. Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to accept the Compensation Board's recommendation of 0% for supervisors and to reduce the 6% to 3% for all other elected officials. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Faircloth to approve a request to certify a lien against 2170 C Avenue, Garwin, Parcel #05.33.402.001. This property is at the Garwin lake and has been a nuisance property. The County had it mowed and cleaned up. The cost of the mowing and clean up was \$1,000.00. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Supervisors have received the Fiscal Year 2024 County Audit and reviewed it. Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to accept the Fiscal Year 2024 Tama County Audit. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Karen Rohrs, Assistant Tama County Auditor, asked the board for approval to open a new bank account at the Lincoln Savings Bank for the new EMS levy funds that will be collected at the beginning of the new fiscal year. She also asked for approval to add Tama County Treasurer, Amanda Kriegel, Assistant County Treasurer, Sara Gilbert, and herself, Tama County Auditor-elect as signers for the account. Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to approve opening the account at LSB and adding the above listed signers to the account. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Curt Hilmer, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, swore in newly elected official Curt Kupka, County Supervisor, District 5. All other elected officials will be sworn in at next week's meeting on Monday, December 30th, in the main courtroom at the courthouse.

Chairman Hilmer adjourned the meeting at 9:06 am.