

Board of Supervisors Minutes
January 2, 2025

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. January 2, 2025. For the annual reorganization meeting. Present: 2nd District Supervisor, David Turner; 3rd District Supervisor, Heather Knebel; 4th District Supervisor, Mark Doland and 5th District Supervisor, Curt Kupka. Also, Tama County Auditor, Karen Rohrs, members of the public and Sheriff Schmidt.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

With Hilmer not being present Mark Doland asked for a nomination for temporary Chairman. Knebel made the motion to temporarily nominate Mark Doland, seconded by Turner. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Temporary Chairman Doland motioned to designate Karen Rohrs, Tama County Auditor, as temporary secretary, seconded by Knebel. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Doland explained that there were two agendas posted for today's meeting. One was posted as just an organizational meeting and the second one posted at 9:40 am on 1/1/25 was posted with more detail and action items for today's meeting. Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to approve the agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Turner made a motion to do away with the 15-minute time limit on public comments and to not limit the public comments to agenda items only. Kupka seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public comments: There were questions about the upcoming board of adjustment meeting and who is legally responsible to appoint a lawyer. Doland stated that would be a question for Brent Heeren, Tama County Attorney. It was stated that two boards have approached Bill Faircloth and have told him they do not want Mark Doland to serve on their boards. The newly elected board was asked if they will still be approachable by their current phones. Knebel stated short term that is how they can be reached. The newly elected board was welcomed and congratulated Knebel on being the first female elected supervisor.

With no other public comments given, Turner motioned to table the agenda until 9:40 am and adjourn the meeting until then. Seconded by Knebel. All voted aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 am.

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 9:40 a.m. January 2, 2025. For the annual reorganization meeting. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, David Turner; 3rd District Supervisor, Heather Knebel; 4th District Supervisor, Mark Doland and 5th District Supervisor, Curt Kupka. Also, Tama County Auditor, Karen Rohrs, members of the public and Sheriff Schmidt.

Motion by Knebel was made to appoint a temporary chairman, seconded by Kupka. All voted aye. Motion carried

Turner nominated Doland as temporary chairman, seconded by Hilmer. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Doland made the motion to cease nominations, seconded by Turner. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Temporary Chairman Doland asked for nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the Board of Supervisors in the year 2025. Turner nominated Mark Doland for Chairman, seconded by Knebel. All voted aye. Motion carried. Doland nominated Knebel for Vice-Chairman, seconded by Turner. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Turner made the motion to cease nominations, seconded by Hilmer. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Doland opened the floor for public comments. He stated, This time is set aside for public comments on County business topics. To be recognized raise your hand or stand. After recognition by the Chair, state your name and address. You may speak one time per issue. If the comment is for an item not on the agenda, please understand the Board of Supervisors will not act on your comments at this meeting due to the Open Meetings Law requirements but may do so at a future board meeting by placing it on the agenda. The Chair and Board members welcome comments from the public; however, all comments must be directed to the board and not others in attendance; keep your comments germane; it is not appropriate to use profane, obscene, or slanderous language. The Chair may limit each speaker to three minutes

Public comments: It was stated that issue was taken about only being able to comment on agenda items only and that the new board is going to do a good job. Welcome was expressed to all the board members, and they were thanked for running for office. The board was asked if they plan to change the meeting time and location. Doland stated not at this time. With no other comments being made Doland closed the public comment time.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to authorize the County Auditor to pay postage, express freight, wages and salaries prior to being audited by the Board of Supervisors for 2025. No discussion. All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel that the County Auditor be authorized to pay all claims as signed by a majority of the Board of Supervisors in 2025. No discussion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka that the following newspapers be designated official newspapers for Tama County for the year 2025: Tama-Toledo News Chronicle, Tama; North Tama Telegraph, Traer. All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka that the following resolution concerning the Secondary Road Department be adopted. No discussion.

RESOLUTION 1-2-2025A
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 306.41 of the Code of Iowa, provided that "The Agency having jurisdiction and control over any highway in the state, or the chief engineer of said agency when delegated by such agency, may temporarily close sections of a highway by formal resolution entered upon the minutes of such agency when reasonably necessary because of construction, reconstruction, maintenance or natural disaster and shall cause to be erected ROAD CLOSED signs and partial or total barricades in the roadway at each end of the closed highway section and on the closed highway where that highway is intersected by other highways if such intersection remains open. Any numbered road closed for over forty-eight hours shall have a designated detour route. The agency having jurisdiction over a section of highway closed in accordance with the provisions of this section, or the persons or contractors employed to carry out the construction, reconstruction, or maintenance of the closed section of highway, shall not be liable for any damages to any vehicle that enters the closed section of highway or the contents of such vehicle or for any injuries to any person that enters the closed section of highway, unless the damages are caused by gross negligence of the agency or contractor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tama County Board of Supervisors that the County Engineer be authorized to close Tama County Secondary Roads as necessary with the actual dates of closure to be determined by the County Engineer as follows:

1. For Construction: Any project as described in the approved "Tama County Secondary Road Construction Program" for the year 2025 and any approved supplements thereto.
2. For Emergency Closure of any road for maintenance purposes: Any route deemed necessary by the County Engineer.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 2nd day of January, 2025. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the following depository resolution. Knebel requested that the treasurer get bids on interest rates. Knebel stated the Traer Bank was not included on this resolution and questioned why. Doland stated that Pinnacle Bank is not included either. Knebel would like to see the treasurer put a report together. Tammy Wise, HR/Insurance Administrator, stated the treasurer does go out and get bids. Tammy also stated since the treasurer has been in the office she has made banking changes that have brought in more interest to the county and that the board should go and visit with the treasurer with their questions. Knebel stated she would go and speak with the treasurer. The public stated it is a good idea to get clarification and current and projected interest rates.

RESOLUTION 1-2-2025B

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tama County Board of Supervisors hereby resolves to authorize the County Treasurer to deposit county funds in the following banks and set the amount as follows:
Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust, Des Moines 5,000,000

State Bank of Toledo, Toledo	15,000,000
Dysart State Bank, Dysart	2,000,000
Chelsea Savings Bank, Belle Plaine, Traer	2,000,000
Lincoln Savings Bank	15,000,000
Northeast Security Bank, NSB, Dysart	5,000,000
WCF Financial Bank, Tama	5,000,000

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 2nd day of January, 2025. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel that the following banks be designated as depositories for 2025 as follows.

County Auditor	\$20,000	State Bank of Toledo
County Recorder	\$125,000	State Bank of Toledo
County Sheriff	\$200,000	State Bank of Toledo
County Sheriff	\$10,000	Farmer's Savings Bank, Traer
County Sheriff	\$10,000	First Interstate Bank, Gladbrook
County Sheriff	\$25,000	Lincoln Savings Bank, Tama

No discussion. All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

The Chairman of the Tama County Board of Supervisors made the following appointments for 2025:

County Buildings	Board
Decat Executive Board (DHS)	Heather Knebel
DHS Advisory Board	Curt Hilmer
County Emergency Management Agency (EMA)/911	David Turner
Tama County Economic Development Commission	David Turner
	Alternate – Curt Hilmer
Farm Administration, County Farm Rental	Curt Kupka
Livestock Evaluation	Curt Kupka
Board of Health Services	Curt Hilmer
	Alternate – Mark Doland
Health Insurance - Contact Person for Insurance Information	Tammy Wise
Heartland Insurance Coordinator	Tammy Wise
Heartland Risk Pool Ins., County Trustee	Heather Knebel
Heartland Insurance, Alternate Trustee	Curt Hilmer
6th Judicial District	Curt Hilmer
Tama County Day Care (dba Kids Corner Daycare, Inc.)	Heather Knebel
Northeast Iowa Response Group (NIRG)	David Turner
	Alternate Ryan Goodenbour, EMA
Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging (NEIAAAA)	Curt Hilmer
R. C. & D. Commission (D.N.R. & U.S. Fish & Wildlife)	Curt Kupka
Region VI Planning Commission	David Turner
Safety Director	Garrison Reekers
Safety Coordinators - Risk Pool Insurance	Tammy Wise, HR & Ins Adm
	Ben Daleske, Engineer

ADA Coordinator
ADA Compliance Officer
SATUCI
South Central Iowa Workforce Development
Central Iowa Juvenile Detention

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Landfill Commission

County Social Services Region (CSS)
SARA (Shared Area Radio Agreement)

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the appointments. The board was asked if the newspaper was going to be encouraged to put more context into their supervisor meeting articles. It was stated that the county minutes are published in full in the designated official papers. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka, to agree if for any reason the Chairman is unable to act or sign documents, the other members of the Board of Supervisors may act/sign in his/her behalf. No discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to appoint the following amended appointments:

County Engineer	Ben Daleske
Medical Examiner	Dr. David Bethel, M.D.
Deputy Medical Examiner	VACANT
Medical Examiner Investigator	DalLynn McEltree, Toledo
	Jason Bina, Traer
	Courtney Watson, State Center
Relief Director & Veterans Affairs	Elizabeth Ledvina
Weed Commissioner	Bob Vokoun
Zoning Administrator	Bob Vokoun
E911 Director	Jeremy Cremeans
EMA Director	Ryan Goodenbour

There was discussion on trying to fill the deputy medical examiner vacancy. Knebel stated she would like to see the vacancy filled. All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to set the following days the County Offices will be closed in 2025 to observe the following holidays:

Presidents' Day Monday, February 17

Tim Dolezal, Road Foreman
Nick Kofran, Asst Road
Foreman
Curtis Behrens, Conservation
Dave Sherwood, Landfill
Karen Rohrs, Auditor
Ryan Goodenbour, EMA
Dirk Henle, Maint. Supervisor
Tammy Wise, HR & Ins Adm
Dirk Henle, Maint. Supervisor
Mark Doland
Heather Knebel
David Turner
Alternate – Mark Doland
Board
Curt Kupka
Alternate – Curt Hilmer
Mark Doland
Jeremy Cremeans, 911

Good Friday	Friday, April 18
Memorial Day	Monday, May 26
July 4 th	Friday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 1
Veterans Day	Tuesday, November 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28
Christmas Eve	Wednesday, December 24
Christmas Day	Thursday, December 25
New Year Day	Thursday, January 1

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to set the regular official meeting day for every Monday at 8:30 a.m. at the Tama County Supervisor’s boardroom, unless changed for some reason. No discussion. All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to approve appointing Tammy Wise, HR/Insurance Administrator, as the Title VI Coordinator and signing of the Non-Discrimination Agreement and a Standard Assurance documents. Title VI has to do with Civil Rights for minorities and people with disabilities. The DOT requires Tama County to sign a Non-Discrimination Agreement and a Standard Assurance for the County to receive Federal Funds for some projects. The Title VI Non-Discrimination notice is as follows:

**Tama County
Title VI/Nondiscrimination Notice to the Public**

Tama County hereby gives public notice that it is the policy of Tama County to assure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, related statues and regulation provide that no person shall on the ground of race, color, nation origin, gender, age or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 amended Title VI to specify that entire institutions receiving federal funds, whether schools, colleges, government entities, or private employers, must comply with Federal civil rights laws, rather than just the programs or activities that receive federal funds.

We are also concerned about the impacts of our programs, projects and activities on low income and minority populations (“Environmental Justice”) under Title VI. Any person who believes that they are being denied participation in a project, being denied benefits of a program, or otherwise being discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability, may contact:

Title VI Coordinator Tammy Wise	or	Civil Rights Coordinator-Iowa DOT
Tama County		Civil Rights Bureau
641-484-4191 ext. 4		800-262-0003 or 515-262-1921

YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE ABOVE INDIVIDUAL OR IOWA DOT OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NO LATER THAN 180 DAYS AFTER THE ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION OCCURRED, OR IF THERE HAS BEEN A CONTINUING COURSE OF CONDUCT, NO LATER THAN 180 DAYS AFTER THE ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION WAS

DISCONTINUED. CONTACT THE CIVIL RIGHTS COORDINATOR TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON THE IOWA DOT'S TITLE VI PROGRAM.

No discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to approve the 2025 Tama County Compensation Commission for Condemnation Proceedings as follows:

2025 Tama County Compensation Commission for Condemnation Proceedings

(Not less than 28 residents, equally divided into four areas)

LICENSED REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALES PERSONS

1. Marvin Boldt, 109 Levering Street Traer, 50675
2. Harlan Dirks, 1008 Prospect Dr., Toledo 52342
3. VACANT
4. Jamie Howard, 2371 130th Street, Traer, IA 50675
5. Jason Lekin, 110 Columbian Court, Toledo 52342
6. Julie Elliott, P.O. Box 105, Dysart 52224
7. David Dirks, 1008 Prospect Drive, Toledo, 52342
8. VACANT
9. VACANT
10. Rob Wobeter, 221 W. High St., Toledo 52342

FARM OWNER OPERATORS

1. VACANT
2. VACANT.
3. Rod Richardson, 1731 370th St., Tama, 52339
4. Rick Hopper 2381 300th Street Toledo 52342
5. VACANT
6. LeRoy Hoskey 3143 350th St., Chelsea 52215
7. VACANT
8. Mark Volkens, 1218 G Ave., Gladbrook 50635
9. VACANT
10. Dennis Wobeter 2528 Hwy E43 Toledo 52342

OWNERS OF TOWN PROPERTY

1. Jay Whannel, 508 6th St., Traer 50675
2. Larry Frese, 108 Jacobs St., Chelsea, 52215
3. Rita Cranston, 802 Iowa Street, Dysart, IA 52224
4. Charles Bearden, 705 Washington St., Gladbrook 50635
5. Chester Bearden, 204 W. Madison St., Toledo 52342
6. Galen Musgrave, 105 N. County Road, Toledo 52342
7. Joe Boll, W. Summit St., Toledo 52342
8. VACANT
9. Mike Pieper, 1902 State St., Tama 52339

PEOPLE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF REAL ESTATE VALUES

1. Loren D. Lorenzen, 1428 T Ave., Traer 50675
2. Keith Sash 301 West 1st Street Gladbrook 50635
3. Rick Krug, P.O. Box 361, Dysart 52224
4. VACANT
5. Steven Baumeier, 1252 Hwy 96, Gladbrook 50635
6. Kevin Eikamp, 905 Jefferson, Dysart 52224
7. Jim Novotny, 1797 360th Street, Tama 52339
8. VACANT
9. Stan Upah, 2248 310th Street, Toledo 52342

Knebel stated she would like to see all the vacancies advertised in the paper and website to get them filled. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve the following resolution for construction evaluation relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure. Turner wanted to clarify that the board does not approve the actual construction permit and that the DNR approves the permit.

RESOLUTION 1-2-2025C
CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a “construction evaluation resolution” relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2025 and January 31, 2026 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board’s recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TAMA COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 2nd day of January, 2025. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to accept the County Department Heads appointments of staff in their offices. No discussion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: It was asked if resolutions and policies will be added to the county website. Auditor Rohrs stated she will begin adding proposed resolutions to the agendas when posted on the website. It was asked if public comment time was going to be limited. Doland stated his intention for the public comment time is to allow everyone to speak that wants to speak. It was asked if a supervisor will be in the office each day. That has not been decided yet but that a supervisor should check in each day.

Doland stated he wanted to go back to the appointments and stated one appointment had been overlooked. Doland stated under section 331 in the Iowa Code it lays out who the attorney is for this board and all boards involved with county disputes and that is the county attorney. Doland stated at this point, not sure of what the practice has been, we are all new and we have some representation from the Heartland Risk Board. The code doesn’t change, the appointed attorney for

all boards is the county attorney. We are going to appoint him to all boards, and he will have to respond back that he is too busy or doesn't know enough. Any outside attorney has to be approved by the board of supervisors. Doland had looked at other county's agendas and those counties appointed their county attorney for the county. Motion by Turner that the county attorney is the only attorney for all boards, seconded by Kupka. No discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Doland asked for any other business. Turner asked if they were going to discuss agenda items for next week. Doland stated that there are rules that have been adopted through Robert's and through our own policy that allow any elected board member to put items on. It has to be in a timely manner to get it approved and posted.

Motion by Turner to adjourn, seconded by Kupka. Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 10:46 am.