

Board of Supervisors Minutes
January 6, 2025

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. January 6, 2025. 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve the agenda. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Doland opened the floor for public comments. He stated, when making public comments on Tama County business topics other than those listed on this agenda, please understand that the Board will not act on your comments at this meeting due to the Open Meetings Law requirements but may do so at a future meeting. The Chair and Board welcome comments from the public; however, when making comments you must be respectful and appropriate. It is not appropriate to use personal attacks, defamatory, profane, obscene, invective, or slanderous language. The Chair may restore order by declaring such out of order and ask the speaker to leave or be removed. The Chair may place time limits on public comments. Someone from the public stated that technology is always developing and that they are in favor of the moratoriums. Also, the terms for the board of adjustment members need to be fixed. It was also stated that two petitions had been circulated. One for increasing the board of supervisors from three to five members. The other petition had over 1,000 signatures from all over the county to see a moratorium. Another member from the public stated that if the old board had listened to him at the time when he first approached them in 2022 it would have saved the county lots of money and that he is happy this new board is looking into it. Another member of the public voiced that she was in support of the moratoriums. Closed public comments at 8:42 am.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to approve the minutes of the December 30th regular meeting and January 2nd organizational meeting. Discussion: Doland stated two corrections needed to be made to the January 2nd organizational meeting minutes where the board can act & sign documents if the Chairman cannot. Also, that the action taken to appoint the County Attorney needs to be separated from the public comment portion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board met with Ben Daleske, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report. Due to being down an employee for the wintertime, Daleske has spoken with the Tama County Conservation Director, and he is willing to lend an employee if needed. Daleske presented a resolution for the board to approve for the use of the conservation employee. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to approve the following resolution. Discussion: It was asked if this needed to be brought to the roads union and it was stated that it does not since it is considered like the part-time employee. It was also asked if the conservation employee had been asked or just told to do the job. Curtis Behrens, Tama County Conservation Director, stated the employee had been asked and agreed to do the job.

RESOLUTION 1-6-2025A
TAMA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Tama County Secondary Road Department is currently short one motor grader operator for snow removal operations.

WHEREAS, Tama County Conservation is willing to loan an employee to help with Tama County Secondary Road Department snow removal operations.

WHEREAS, Tama County Secondary Road Department will reimburse the Tama County Conservation for labor and benefits for employee working during snow removal operations.

WHEREAS, the Tama County Board of Supervisors want to save taxpayers money.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tama County Board of Supervisors will allow the Secondary Road Department to use a Conservation employee for snow removal operations from January 2025 to Spring 2025.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 6th day of January, 2025. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Hilmer to acquire equipment to live stream at a minimal cost.

Discussion: Tammy Wise, HR/Insurance Administrator, presented quotes for county issued cell phones and live streaming services for the board of supervisors. It was discussed it may be cheaper to use personal cell phones and place the new phone system app on their phones to receive calls for the office. Then the board could get reimbursed for cell phone usage. It was asked what the cell phone reimbursement rate is. Right now, it is \$25 per month. It was discussed that maybe that reimbursement should be increased to \$50. Wise stated she had done research by reaching out to other counties. She stated that equipment to live stream could cost up to \$3,300. She had reached out to CivicPlus and Granicus who are companies that specialize in recording and organizing public meetings. They have not gotten back with a quote to her, but she is guessing they would run from \$5,000-10,000. She stated the board needs to decide if they want to just live stream or if they want to record and store the recording. If the meetings are recorded and need to be stored that would cost considerably more to do. It was stated that more research needs to be done. Wise and Turner stated they will keep researching and Knebel stated she would do some research. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Wise also presented to the board that she had been approached to help a young adult by providing work experience through a program provided by Central Rivers Area Education Agency. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the work experience program. Discussion: The student is from South Tama School District and is looking for work during the day. The student would always have a person/mentor with them and would not be by themselves. No money would be involved, and the student would not be around any confidential information. Wise would be responsible. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to repeal Ordinance #V.I4, Public Meetings Procedural Rules (Amended) Tama County Board of Supervisors, due to unconstitutional issue i.e. First Amendment to Constitution regarding Freedom of Speech and to replace it with

ORDINANCE NO. V. 14

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NUMBER V. 14 – “PUBLIC MEETING AND PROCEEDURAL RULES (AMENDED)” OF THE COUNTY ORDINANCES OF THE TAMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

The County Board of Supervisors of Tama County, Iowa hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1: Repeal Ordinance Number V.14 – “PUBLIC MEETING AND PROCEEDURAL RULES (AMENDED)” in the County Ordinances of the Tama County, Iowa Board of Supervisors.

Replace Ordinance Number V.14 – “PUBLIC MEETING AND PROCEEDURAL RULES (AMENDED)” in the County Ordinances of the Tama County, Iowa Board of Supervisors with the following:

ORDINANCE V.14

Tama County Board of Supervisors Meeting Rules

- 1) *Tama County Board of Supervisors Meetings shall follow all provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 21.*
- 2) *Tama County, Iowa Board of Supervisors Meetings will follow procedural rules by using Roberts Rules of Order, latest edition.*
- 3) **ORDER AND DECORUM**
When making public comments on Tama County business topics other than those listed on this agenda, please understand that the Board will not act on your comments at this meeting due to the Open Meetings Law requirements but may do so at a future meeting. The Chair and Board welcome comments from the public; however, when making comments you must be respectful and appropriate. It is not appropriate to use personal attacks, defamatory, profane, obscene, invective, or slanderous language. The Chair may restore order by declaring such out of order and ask the speaker to leave or be removed. The Chair may place time limits on public comments.

SECTION 2. REPEALED. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication by law.

Discussion: Turner stated he was concerned by the language stating the ordinance only gives the chairman two options; to ask them to leave or remove them to restore order. He questioned if the person sat down and were quiet could they remain in the meeting. Doland stated yes. It was stated that the ordinance is V.I4 not V.14. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka to amend the ordinance to replace all references of V.14 to V.I4. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to approve the ordinance with the amendments. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to set public hearing dates of January 27, February 3rd and February 10th at 8:45 am. to repeal Ordinance #V.I4, Public Meetings Procedural Rules (Amended) Tama County Board of Supervisors, due to unconstitutional issue i.e. First Amendment to Constitution regarding Freedom of Speech and to replace it with Ordinance No. V.I4. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to approve using Roberts Rules of Order, 12th Edition and Open Meetings Code of Iowa, Section 21, in the interim until resolution of the amendment to Ordinance #V.I4, Public Meetings Procedural Rules (Amended) Tama County Board of Supervisors. Discussion: Turner would like to modify the language to show the proposed Ordinance No. V.I4 in the interim until the language can be officially adopted. Turner made a motion to amend and replace Ordinance #V.I4, Public Meetings Procedural Rules (Amended) Tama County Board of Supervisors with the new proposed language of Ordinance No. V.I4. Seconded by Kupka. Further discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Doland stated last year the State of Iowa dissolved all compensation boards and left the option to reappoint them with boards of supervisors. The previous board took action and gave raises to county elected officials, contracted and non-contracted employees. It was not done according to code. The compensation board was to provide an update and reason of rationality in a public hearing. The previous board bound raises on the new board that is going to have to set the budget. The budget from this year lost over half of our ending fund balance, and if we do that again we will be at a zero. There have been some modifications to the budget to allow us to set things on the right track. The compensation board proposed 6% increases, but the board of supervisors adopted 3%. The board of supervisors gets to set the increase and that is why it is inefficient to have a compensation board. Iowa Code allows for a simple motion to dissolve the compensation board. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to dissolve the Tama County Compensation Board pursuant to Iowa Code 331.905 §7. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Doland stated what had been approved previously was 3% for elected officials except for supervisors, which was 0%. 2% in July 2025 and 2% in January 2026 for unions, non-union, and non-elected employees. It was meant to be uniform, and everyone should have received 2% & 2% except for supervisors. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka to approve 2% in July 2025 and 2% in January 2026 for elected, non-elected, union, non-union employee pay increase for FY2026 except for the board of supervisors who will receive 0%. Discussion: Turner asked if the budget would support that. Hilmer stated the department heads will have to keep their budgets in line with minimal increase to allow this wage increase. Hilmer stated the county needs to look out for their employees to make sure we are not behind in wages to where employees want to leave the county or it is hard to hire employees. Doland stated adding the elected officials to the 2 & 2 would be minimal. Doland stated he had spoken to the Toledo City Mayor who stated the city tries to keep their raises in line with the county's and it is hard to give bigger raises. Hilmer stated the county should not have to worry about what other entities are giving their employees for raises. For many years our county employees have been left behind and that is why they were given bigger raises these last two years. He stated the budget is not in the state that it is in due to wage increases but

due to other factors like the state taking away tax credits. Comparables have been done and we have been behind with wages. Inflation was why raises were done the way they had been. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to approve the following Moratorium on Wind Energy Conversion Systems. Discussion: March of 2022 citizens started saying that a moratorium needed to be done. The previous board did not want to do them. At the November hearing in 2022 it was clear what the people wanted. There were a lot of unknowns and a lot of things that were not protecting the county. The resolution is for indefinitely because zoning needs to research, meet, and get the public's input, and put a new ordinance together. We aren't just saying to do it indefinitely and never look at it again. We do need to update ordinances. Turner agrees boards need to meet and protect the county. Vokoun stated he needed guidance on how to contact his board and what they needed to discuss. Also, he needs to report back to the energy companies on phase 1. Knebel stated if you read the resolution, it is any with no permit. If a company has a CUP and a building permit this does not apply to them. If they don't have any of that Knebel assumes then it would affect them. Doland stated the board would like to see a decommissioning bond added to the ordinance. Wants to make sure the county is not exposed to these exorbitant costs if the company goes bankrupt. Would also ask the zoning board to report back periodically.

RESOLUTION 1-6-2025B

Resolution Approving a Moratorium on Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS)

WHEREAS, Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) means an electrical generating facility comprised of one or more wind turbines and accessory facilities, including but not limited to: power lines, transformers, substations, and metrological towers that operate by converting the kinetic energy of wind into electrical energy which may be used on-site or distributed into the electrical grid; and

WHEREAS, the Tama County Board of Supervisors have attended or reviewed video footage of public meetings by the Zoning Board Moratorium Hearing on November 29, 2022 and Board of Adjustment Public Hearing on November 12th, 2024 discussing the potential construction of WECS within Tama County, the application process for such, as well as the rules and requirements provided in Tama County's Zoning Ordinance Number VI.1 published in July 7, 1998 and amended in 2010 to add a WECS ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331.302(10)(a) requires a county to compile ordinances every 5 years, and the County's current wind energy conversion system (WECS) ordinance was last amended January 5, 2010; and

WHEREAS, concerns have been raised by the public regarding Tama County's level of preparedness when it comes to the development of WECS within the county, the minimal language on upfront finances in place for decommissioning, outdated conditional use permit process, financial security against potential financial harm and/or liability to the county, the agricultural impact any future WECS projects would have on the County's agricultural resources including whether such impact would run counter to Tama County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan adopted by the Tama County Board of Supervisors on January 23, 1996; and

WHEREAS, the County has an interest in protecting the County's infrastructure, natural resources and property rights through adequate setback provisions; and

WHEREAS, The Tama County Board of Supervisors wishes to enact a moratorium effective immediately upon passage on the development and construction of WECS, and the application for permits relating to such development and construction of WECS, for an indefinite

amount of time, to allow Tama County to review and update the language as necessary in the Tama County Comprehensive Land Use Plan, the Tama County Zoning Ordinance, or both, and to incorporate the information and concerns that have arisen through the public meetings held by the Board of Adjustment and Zoning Commission, relating to such matters;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Tama County, Iowa, that a moratorium on the development and construction of WECS, and the application for permits relating to such development and construction of WECS effective immediately upon passage is approved indefinitely.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 6th day of January, 2025. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka to approve the following Moratorium on Utility Scale Solar. Discussion: Knebel stated it has been going around since last March. Old board had a hearing. Personal solar is ok. Board is referring to the bigger industrial solar. Want an official moratorium. A moratorium puts a pause or timeout so no permits can come in. If a company came in right now and apply, they would get a permit because we don't have anything protecting us. Not many have been decommissioned yet so we don't know what risks are out there. A lot of work on the table for the zoning to work on. It's indefinite to give them some time. Turner was called by the solar folks on Friday. We need to move rather quickly but be diligent about getting this information down. They have about a million dollars holding up access to the powerline. We need to make sure when we make decisions, we go down the path quickly but with no mistakes. Vokoun stated legal counsel has advised them that they keep up with that. These are volunteer boards putting in a lot of time and travel with research. If it is the consensus of the board and people of the county not to have solar or wind in place then it needs to be simplified so they are not going through all this work for nothing. Doland stated he didn't believe that is what these moratoriums are addressing.

RESOLUTION 1-6-2025C

Resolution Approving a Moratorium on Utility Scale Solar

WHEREAS, Utility Scale (50 kW or greater) solar energy system whose primary purpose is to harvest energy by transforming solar energy into another form of energy or transferring heat from a collector to another medium using mechanical, electrical, or chemical means; and

WHEREAS, the Tama County Board of Supervisors have attended or reviewed video footage of public meetings by the Zoning Board Moratorium Hearing on November 29, 2022 and Board of Supervisors Public Meeting on May 9, 2023 discussing the potential construction of a Utility Scale Solar within Tama County, the application process for such, as well as the rules and requirements Tama County's Zoning Ordinance Number VI.1 published in July 7, 1998 that does not include ordinances for Utility Scale Solar; and

WHEREAS, concerns have been raised by the public regarding Tama County's level of preparedness when it comes to the development of Utility Scale Solar within the county, there currently isn't an ordinance to regulate the setback distances, finances in place for decommissioning, permitting process, the agricultural impact any future Utility Scale Solar projects would have on the County's agricultural resources including whether such impact would run counter to Tama County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan adopted by the Tama County Board of Supervisors on January 23, 1996; and

WHEREAS, the County has an interest in protecting the County's infrastructure, natural resources and property rights through adequate setback provisions; and

WHEREAS, The Tama County Board of Supervisors wishes to enact a moratorium effective immediately upon passage on the development and construction of Utility Scale Solar, and the application for permits relating to such development and construction of Utility Scale Solar, for an indefinite amount of time, to allow Tama County to review and update the language as necessary in the Tama County Comprehensive Land Use Plan, the Tama County Zoning Ordinance, or both, and to incorporate the information and concerns that have arisen through the public meetings held by the Board of Supervisors and Zoning Commission, relating to such matters;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Tama County, Iowa, that a moratorium on the development and construction of Utility Scale Solar, and the application for permits relating to such development and construction of Utility Scale Solar effective immediately upon passage is approved indefinitely.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 6th day of January, 2025. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Doland stated he had spoken to Brent Heeren, Tama County Attorney, to get direction on how legal counsel works. The Iowa Code lays out that the Tama County Attorney is the legal representative for all boards in the county. When there are matters where there could be conflict between the board of supervisors and any other board in the county it is reasonable for them to have their own council. If there is litigation Heeren said that he refers that out to a different person. There is no current outstanding litigation. However, there are matters the board would like direction on. When Doland spoke with Heeren last night he said it would be good for the board to appoint their own legal counsel. The intent of the agenda item today is for the board to appoint for the board of supervisors, but Heeren would remain as the statutorily appointed attorney for the board of adjustment. Motion by Doland, seconded by Turner to appoint Belin McCormick as legal representation for the board of supervisors. Discussion: Tammy Wise, HR/Insurance Administrator, stated she had concern about the board seeking outside legal. We do have Heartland Insurance Risk Pool. They are the ones who say whether we have insurance coverage or not for illegal actions. That is a concern to her. She doesn't know if they would agree if the board of supervisors doesn't go to them first for legal representation. She stated the county has always gone to them for legal representation and then if you have an issue and you want to go to someone else, they will contact them and take care of that for you. She is afraid if the board goes outside then there may not be insurance to cover the board. Doland asked about what kind of illegal actions Wise meant. Wise stated whatever they are getting the attorney for. Wise stated if someone said the board did something wrong and they sued the board, who would pay it. Wise stated she thought the board should go through Heartland first before going to any attorneys anywhere else. If you prefer a different attorney, talk to Heartland about it, that they may not have a problem with it. Just want to make sure some insurance is behind you for the county because if the county gets sued and you don't personally get sued then we are liable. We need to cover us too. Not only covering yourself but cover the county as a whole. Wise stated it is up to you what you want to do but, Knebel is now a part of the Heartland Risk Pool and will start to understand it more soon. Doland stated this would not change anything with Heartland. Heartland is still the attorney. If there is litigation that is imposed through the county it comes to the board of supervisors, Heeren is still the appointed attorney he can declare he is not going to cover that and ask Heartland to cover that if

there is litigation, but there is no pending litigation at this point. Vokoun stated that he needs to respond to a petition by January 17th. Knebel stated that was for the board of adjustment and what they are referring to right now is just for the board of supervisors. Heeren would continue to be the board of adjustment's legal counsel. Knebel stated Heeren would be who Vokoun should be working with and if Heeren can't do it then the board of supervisors would approve who the new counsel would be. Vokoun stated he is afraid of running out of time if Heeren would tell him today he could not take it. Knebel stated they could have someone for him today. Wise asked if that had to go through Heartland and Knebel stated no, that she had talked to Judi from Heartland. Doland stated at this time they are not appointing outside counsel for the board of adjustment not changing anything that has been done. Wise stated she was concerned talking insurance and county coverage here. Doland stated his concern is having board of supervisors having legal representation if Heeren referred them somewhere else. Heeren is ok with it. Laura Kopsa, previous auditor, asked if this board hires another attorney to take care of things would they lose their liability insurance and their bond to not be sued individually by picking a different attorney other than Heartland. Wise stated Heartland is our insurer for everything. Hilmer stated the problem with that situation is that they are going to tell us what to do to save themselves money. Wise stated that it is our money too. Wise stated that they are not going to make you use an attorney you don't want to. Wise is just saying go through Heartland to select another attorney since they cover the county if you get sued. Wise wants to keep them in the loop so they know what's going on so if you get sued who is going to pay it. Doland stated what Hilmer shared is what our county attorney's concern is. That the counsel for the risk pool is going to do what's in the best interest of the risk pool, not the county. Wise stated that we are the risk pool. Doland stated we are a part of the risk pool. Doland stated there are 10 counties in the risk pool, so they are arguing from the interest of the risk pool. Wise stated but it is our money in the risk pool. Knebel stated again that they are not leaving the risk pool. Judi had told Knebel that if they get litigation they will take it to the risk pool to see if they will cover it. Wise stated she doesn't care who the board chooses to represent them that she just wants to keep Heartland abreast of what's going on. Knebel stated for the meantime they want another attorney to get some outside eyes. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report. Discussion: Doland asked if the sheriff wanted to give an update on his vehicles. The sheriff stated he is thinking about sending the old sheriff's vehicle to auction and getting a new vehicle. A budget amendment will need to be done for the new vehicle or possibly two new vehicles. The sheriff also stated that in the new fiscal year he will need to budget for a few new squads. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On December 16, 2024, Berleen Wobeter and John Wagner were appointed to the Tama County Board of Adjustment. Doland stated he also had a conversation with Heeren on this. The previous board had appointed the two people to the board of adjustment but did not lay out the terms. Doland stated he has a formal complaint about the process that was used to appoint these two board members. Doland would like more time to look into the matter. He stated they can still appoint but for an interim term. After looking into it the board can then make a recommendation for a permanent appointment time. Motion by Doland, seconded by Turner to appoint the two, Berleen Wobeter and John Wagner, who were already appointed to an interim term to the board of adjustment effective today. Discussion: Hilmer asked what the complaint was concerning. Doland stated it was the process and that he would make everyone aware of it after he knows more, and that

it will be another agenda item. There was a verbal complaint, but that he would like a written formal complaint. Hilmer clarified that it was not how they got their terms but how they were picked. Doland said yes. Hilmer stated the terms were selected by a flip of the coin.. Doland restated for the record that it was not the after the meeting selection process, but the interview process itself. Knebel stated it should be done in a meeting, terms should be done in a meeting. The minutes don't say anything. Knebel asked if they are picking a term for the interim or leaving it as no terms. Doland stated they are going to appoint them to interim terms, and once there is time to address it, they will come back as and actionable item on the agenda and appoint for specific terms. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$56,484.47. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Someone from the public stated that the cost of the work experience to the county was zero, however, charges for freedom of information is tracked for every minute for the cost of an employee. They believe every minute needs to be kept to be added up to see what it is costing the county. It was asked with all of the different speakers at the meeting, when is the public to ask their questions to the speakers. Doland stated the time would be during public comment time. When the board is in debate that time is for the board and staff. Public questions are to be asked at the beginning of the meeting during public comment time or at the end of the meeting during public comment time, or after the meeting is adjourned. It was asked how students are going to be screened, for example are they in accounting class? Wise stated they are regular high school students taking regular classes. There is no cost with Wise since they will have a mentor. They are AEA students. Someone asked if the county is setting a precedent for the whole county that any student from any school district in Tama County can do this? How will a limit be put on? Doland stated they can't answer all of those questions, but that he would reiterate what they did which was authorize a specific program that is working with our human resources department to be able to train students to gain job skills to go out into the workforce. Doesn't know if that sets a precedent, but others can come and ask. Katherine Ollendieck, Tama County Economic Development Director, stood up and stated she hopes that the county does set a precedent. She hopes we encourage every student to reach out to a business in the county. It was said that there are two AEA's that cover Tama County and that the Central Rivers Area Education Agency covers most of Tama County. A representative from TED Renewables spoke stating he thinks it is wonderful more research is going to be done to create an ordinance. He did state that there is a deadline coming up for them to decide whether or not they proceed. He stated the taxes that a large scale solar project would pay under the Iowa Replacement Tax would generate around 5-6 times the amount of taxes by that same land in agriculture. He stated the solar replacement tax in Iowa is not as good of a deal as it could be. If he was a county supervisor or citizen he would be going back to the state and asking for a better deal. He is excited about working with ISU to investigate the potential for continual agricultural production from solar ray. Looks forward to working with everyone in the future.. Closed public comments at 10:43 am.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 10:44 am.

These minutes are intended to provide a summary of the discussions and decisions made during the Board of Supervisor meeting. For the most accurate and comprehensive record, please refer to the audio recording of the meeting that can be provided upon request at the auditor's office.