

Board of Supervisors Minutes
January 20, 2025

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. January 20, 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 Knebel to approve the agenda. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: The engineer was thanked for some brush clean up his crew did. It was asked that the Traer Farmers Savings Bank be included as a depository bank for Tama County. The Gridshock program the public health department sponsored was acknowledged. Dean Fisher, Iowa State Representative, was present to state how the legislation is looking to keep cutting property taxes and other cost cutting savings. Anyone with ideas should reach out to him. It was pointed out that the petition that was given to the board 2 weeks ago from TCAT had no signatures on it. Doland stated he believed the petition was handed to the board to clarify the wording on the petition. The board was thanked for looking into budget savings. Public comment closed at 8:41 am.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the minutes of the January 13th regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board met with Ben Daleske, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report. In his report Daleske stated that he would be holding interviews for the road grader position. The board stated they would like final approval of whom Daleske would like to hire. Daleske also presented a Utility Permit Application from ITC Midwest LLC for the board to approve the chairman to sign. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka to table approving having the board chairman sign the Utility Permit Application from ITC Midwest LLC until next Monday's meeting so more research can be done. Discussion: There was discussion and questions asked about the utility permit. Knebel would like to table signing to do more research and get more information. Hilmer would like the supervisors from the area where the permit is to go out and drive and look at the impact. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Tammy Wise, HR/Insurance Administrator, informed the board of some damage that had been done to a culvert in the Chelsea area. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to approve the county replacing the culvert. Discussion: Daleske stated the issue was raised when a culvert that had been bought and installed by a landowner was removed by the county. The county will replace the culvert for the landowner and will get something in writing from the landowner stating the issue has been resolved. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report.

Discussion: Turner stated he had met with the treasurer, and she explained the difference between the calculating ending balance and actual ending balance is because one is reporting what we have, and the other balance is what we should be expecting. Knebel stated she had also spoken to the treasurer and the Traer bank is on the list to add for next year and that the board would add it to next week's agenda to amend the resolution to add the bank for this year. Knebel also stated she would like department heads to come in to present their reports. Doland stated he felt not all department heads need to come in to present their reports if they are a simple report. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to approve the Auditor's Quarterly Report. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the Veterans Affairs Quarterly Report. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Auditor Rohrs told the board that there is to be a Drainage District 1 Election on Saturday, January 25. She asked the board to set the canvass date and time for Monday, January 27, 2025 at 8:15 am. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka to approve setting the Drainage District 1 Election Canvass for Monday, January 27, 2025 at 8:15 am. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Doland stated he had asked the Tama County Attorney to be present to get a better understanding of the board of supervisor's relationship to the other boards that the supervisors appoint to. Heeren was not at the meeting. Doland stated the board can't hold that discussion without the county attorney for guidance. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to table discussion until next week's meeting when the attorney can be present. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$74,348.94. Discussion: Knebel asked if the Visa claims with documentation could be sent to the board prior to the meetings to review. Rohrs stated it would be difficult to scan all supporting receipts in to be reviewed, but stated the supervisors are welcome to stop in her office prior to the meeting to review any claims they have questions on. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: The board was asked when Zoom may be available for the supervisor meetings. The public was told that equipment has been ordered. As soon as the equipment is here, and a test run can be done they will offer Zoom. The board stated most likely that a link will be added to the agenda to let the public know how to connect once meetings are offered on Zoom. The public was informed that the board is also looking into getting speakers so that listeners at the back of the boardroom can hear the supervisors better. Public comment closed at 9:08 am.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 9:11 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.