

**Board of Supervisors Minutes**  
**February 18, 2025**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. February 17, 2025. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, David Turner; 4th District Supervisor, Mark Doland and 5th District Supervisor, Curt Kupka. Also, Tama County Auditor, Karen Rohrs, members of the public, Deputy Sheriff Wall and Sheriff Schmidt. 3rd District Supervisor, Heather Knebel joined by phone.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Public Comments: Comments were heard from Bill Faircloth. Public comments closed at 8:36 am.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the February 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the minutes from the February 14<sup>th</sup> special meeting. Discussion: None. Hilmer, Knebel, Kupka, and Turner voted aye. Doland abstained from voting since he did not attend the meeting. Motion carried.

Darrel Niedermann, who is a veteran's affairs commissioner, was present to inform the Board that the new person that needs to be hired to replace the current VA director must complete a training course within one year of employment to perform all of the VA director's duties. The training is performed by the state and only occurs twice a year, once in April and once in October. Niedermann stressed the importance of hiring someone soon so that the new hire can complete the course in April and be certified before the current VA director retires in July. Doland stated he looked up in Iowa Code the qualifications for the VA director. The code states the person to take over must be certified within a year. There are in person trainings offered but also virtual trainings a person could take. With the size of Tama County, VA services must be offered at least 20 hours a week and that we could contract with another county to offer those services. The hiring freeze was to save the county some money. Niedermann stated this position would not increase the county budget. Allocation funds would be used to help pay the position. Hilmer stated if the position should have been posted prior to the hiring freeze he felt the county should go ahead and post the position. Doland stated it would need to be brought back at another meeting for action. Doland would like the board to consider that the veteran affairs is one part and general relief is the other part and can one be approved without the other. He would like to see the new person get certified for the veteran's affairs portion and then leave the general relief duties to be filled upon retirement of the current VA director.

The Board met with Ben Daleske, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report. Daleske also stated the truck box purchase that was in last week's claims included not only the truck box but also included snow equipment such as the snowplow, wing, and tanks for chloride. Daleske also

stated he would work on updating the dust control policy to include self-applications and that he would provide the board with a notice to bidders to tear down the old shop.

The E911 board has agreed to transfer back to the General Supplemental Fund \$989,778.70. This money will cover county expenses for the rest of the fiscal year. Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the following resolution to transfer funds. Discussion: None.

**RESOLUTION 2-18-2025A**  
**Resolution to Transfer Funds**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tama County Board of Supervisors approves the transfer of \$989,778.70 from the E911 Fund (4010) into the General Supplemental Fund (0002).

This is to transfer money to cover county expenses for the rest of the fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 18th day of February, 2025. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Auditor Rohrs asked the Board to approve the following transfer from the General Supplemental Fund to the General Fund. This transfer is to help cover county expenses until taxes can be collected and dispersed in April. These funds will be paid back to the General Supplemental Fund before the end of this current fiscal year. Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the following resolution. Discussion: None.

**RESOLUTION 2-18-2025B**  
**Resolution to Transfer Funds**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tama County Board of Supervisors approves the transfer of \$500,000 from the General Supplemental Fund (0002) to the General Fund (0001).

This is to transfer money to cover county expenses until taxes can be collected and dispersed in April. The funds will be paid back to the General Supplemental Fund (0002) by the end of this fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 18th day of February, 2025. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Doland talked to the State Auditor's Office. There have been complaints brought forth by the board members and the public that the State Auditor would like to look into but needs approval from the Board first. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve a referral to the State Auditor's Office. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Doland stated there has been severe weather lately and the Board wanted to make sure the practices of the past are continued on but are documented in the employee handbook. Other policies have been looked at. Benton County's policy was looked at. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to change the severe weather policy to read: In the event of severe weather the County Auditor, as directed by the Board of Supervisors, may determine that it is necessary to close the courthouse or other County offices and facilities. If an employee's office is closed by the County, regular full-time employees scheduled to work during that time will be compensated at their regular rate of pay to complete their normal work hours. Discussion: Tuner wanted confirmation that if the Board deems it necessary to close the employee would get paid without having to take compensation pay or a vacation day. Sheriff Schmidt asked if there would be any benefits for the deputies out working in

the bad weather. Doland stated that question had been posed to some of the IT people who were here last week from other counties. Their policies reflect the one that is being proposed today. Road crews would have to show up and deputies would not have any additional compensation. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Libby Reekers, Tama County's Judicial Advocate, was present to discuss with the Board a request that they had received regarding a data request from Iowa HHS for committal data. She has a big concern with the request due to the program that they want to use to hold the information. Reekers doesn't feel the program is secure enough. Turner asked if anyone else has raised alarms about this process. Reekers stated there have been others voicing concerns. Doland stated a mental health meeting is to be held next Wednesday and this will most likely be discussed and that he would bring back the information to the Board.

Doland stated a house fire had claimed Ty Roseberger's house this past December and that he had approached the assessor to re-assess the Rosenberger's property. The assessor has already done this, so no action needs to be taken.

The Supervisors meet with Skip Lowe, Lacey Anderson, and Josie Beck from North Risk Partners/Bernie Lowe & Associates, Inc. who gave a report on the county health plan.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$44,603.13. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Bill Faircloth, Lynn Cizek, Karen Murty, Ben Daleske, Sheriff Schmidt, Laura Wilson, Michelle Schroeder, and Bob Vokoun. Public comments closed at 10:10 am.

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