

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Meeting Notice

Tama County Board of Supervisors

Mon., Feb 24, 2025

Agenda Schedule

** Agenda is not printed in any particular order, only time specific items will be addressed at certain times

8:30 AM

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Approve agenda

Public comments-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. No personal attacks will be allowed. The Chair may limit each speaker to three minutes.

Discussion/Approve 2/18/25 minutes

Engineer-road projects report

Discussion/possible action to approve Old Shop Notice to Bidders

Discussion/possible action to approve hiring of the motor grader position out of Traer

Discussion/possible action to set a public hearing date for tax notice hearing

Discussion/possible action to approve posting of VA Director/General Relief position

Discussion/possible action to make changes to the severe weather policy

9:00 AM

Public hearing for possible road vacation

Discussion/possible action to approve Resolution 2-24-2025A Road Vacation

Discussion/possible action to approve response to IPIB regarding formal complaint from Tammy Wise

Discussion/possible approval of deappropriation amounts or percentage

Discussion/approve claims

Public comments

Adjourn

Budget Work session following regular meeting (Approximate start time of 10:00 AM)

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 10th regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the minutes from the February 14th 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.

Tama County Board of Supervisors - Weekly Engineer's Office Report

February 24th, 2025

This past week we winged back snow on gravels. We took off snow equipment on a few trucks as we are anticipating doing some rock hauling and stockpiling this week.

We had a letting last week for a bridge project on S Ave and a culvert project on E43.

Project	Estimate	Low Bid
BROS-C086(116)--5F-86	\$460,034.00	\$479,993.20
BROS-C085(117)--60-86	\$360,024.00	\$425,894.18

I have a notice to bidders prepared for tearing down of the old shop.

With your approval I will be offering the open Motor grader position today after the board meeting.

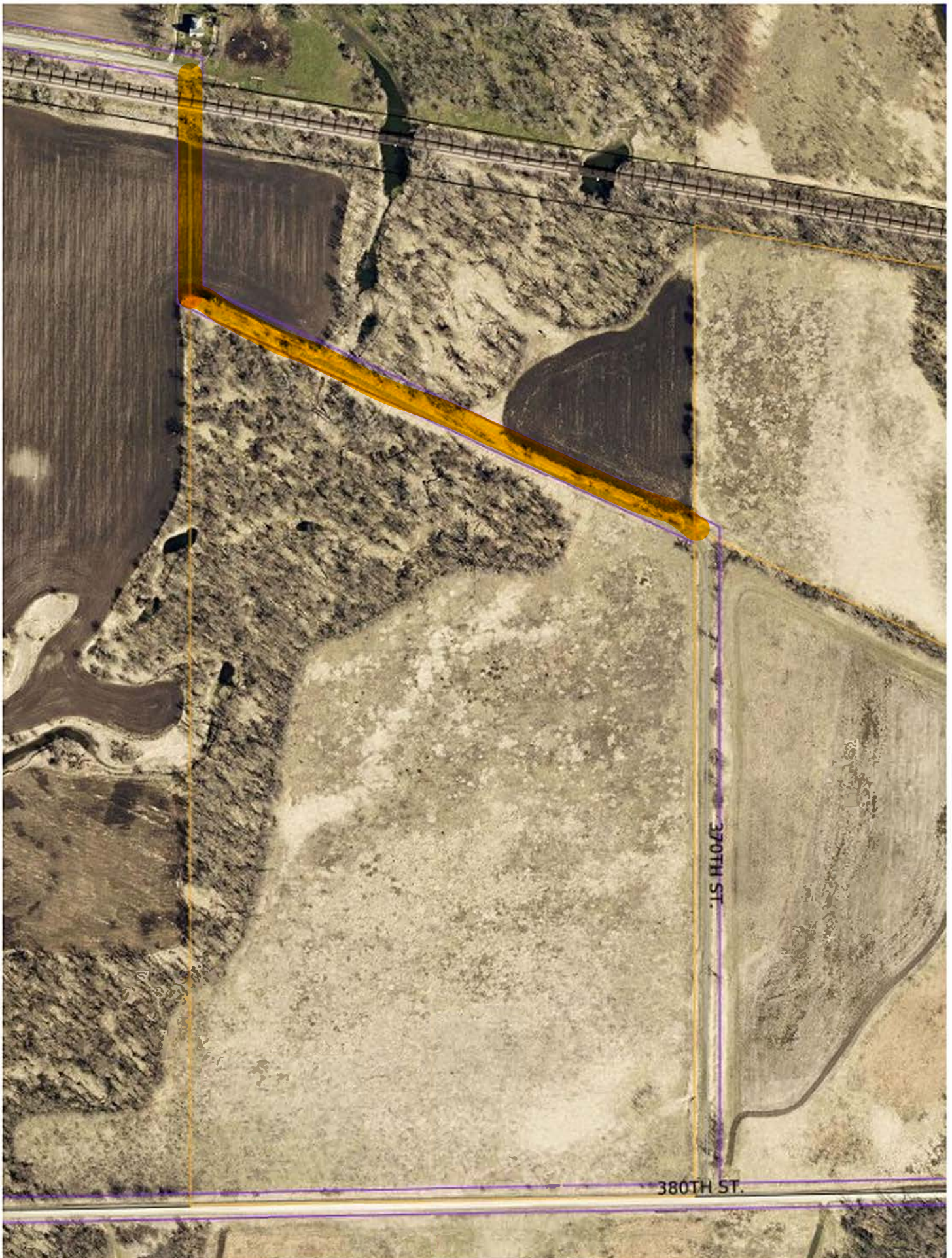
Notice to Bidders

1. Sealed bids will be accepted in the Tama County Engineer's Office at 1002 E 5th St., Tama, Iowa 50675 until 10 AM Friday March 7th, 2025, for the removal of our Old Shop that is located at 2038 280th St. Toledo, IA 52342.
2. The successful bidder agrees to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend the County of Tama, its supervisors, officers, employees, and agents against any and all claims, losses, damages, or lawsuits for damages arising from, allegedly arising from, or related to the provision of services hereunder by the contractor.
3. The successful bidder is further agreed that in order to protect itself as well as the County of Tama, Iowa under the indemnity agreement provision herein above set forth, the contractor will at all times during the term of this agreement have and keep in force a general liability insurance policy in the amount of not less than \$1,000,000. The contractor agrees that the contractor shall not cancel or materially change said policy without 10 days' prior notice to Tama County. A certificate of liability insurance will be provided to Tama County within 10 days of signing this agreement.
4. Successful bidder will be responsible for dismantling, loading and removal of structure from site. The concrete slab shall be the only thing that remains once the building has been removed.
5. Minimum bid accepted shall be \$100
6. Completion Date of the project will be May 30th, 2025.
7. Further information may be obtained at the County Engineer's office or by calling the office at 515-484-3341

Tama County Board of Supervisors

By _____

Highlighted portion to be vacated



RESOLUTION 2-24-2025A

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held at 9:00 am on February 24, 2025, in the office of the Tama County Board of Supervisors to consider the proposal to vacate the following road:

Commencing at the SW corner SE SE of Section 24-T82N-R13W, thence North 104 rods (1,716 feet) to the point of beginning, thence N65°30'W about 27 chains (1,782 feet), to the ¼ Section Line of Section 24-T82N-R13W, thence North about 10 chains (66 feet), to a point 0.5 chains (33 feet) North of the Railroad, originally established on September 2, 1867 (See Road Calendar Book B, page 64) all lying in Section 24, T82N, R13W of Tama County, Iowa, and

WHEREAS, no objections have been received, either in writing or by persons present, and

WHEREAS, no claims for damages were received,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that previously described road be ordered vacated.