

Board of Supervisors Minutes
March 17, 2025

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. March 17, 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: Public comments were heard from Ruth Childers, Justin Jensen, Laura Wilson, Linda Opperman, Janet Wilson, and Mark Kriegel. Public comment time closed at 8:38 am.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the March 10th canvass, March 10th regular meeting, and March 11th special meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The 1st Presbyterian Church submitted a request for use of the courthouse lawn on Saturday, April 19th, from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm for an Easter Egg hunt. A completed Courthouse Grounds Policy Application and proof of insurance have been submitted to the county auditor. A \$100 deposit will be given to the county auditor. Upon the completion of the event the grounds will be inspected and if deemed left in pre-event condition the \$100 deposit will be returned. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the use of the courthouse lawn for the 1st Presbyterian Church Easter Egg hunt and have the chairman of the board of supervisors sign the Courthouse Grounds Policy Application. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board met with Ben Daleske, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report.

Sheriff Schmidt was present to inform the board that the Tama EMS is looking for a vehicle for their EMT to respond to incidents in a timelier manner while the rest of their ambulance crew assembles to respond with the ambulance. Sheriff Schmidt would like to donate his old Durango to the Tama EMS for this purpose. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve donating the Sheriff's old Durango. Discussion: There was discussion on the benefits of donating the Durango to the Tama EMS. The board agrees that they would like to see the Durango donated to the Tama EMS but want to make sure that it can legally be done. The board would like to see the sheriff get approval from the county attorney to make sure the county can legally donate the Durango to the Tama EMS. Turner withdrew his previous motion and made a new motion to table donating the Durango to the Tama EMS until it can be confirmed that it can legally be donated, Kupka seconded the new motion. All voted aye. Motion carried to table.

Doland stated that a new time keeping software had been purchased using ARPA funds. Since that purchase, only a handful of departments are utilizing the system. The auditor's office feels that it would be more accurate and efficient to have all departments utilizing the system. It currently is a

burden on the payroll administrator to manage the multiple ways departments are reporting their employee's times. It also leaves room for major errors. There was discussion from some departments that attended the meeting that felt like it would be a burden to use the system to check in and then check in on the software that their department requires them to use. The payroll administrator stated that the system would only need to be used to check in at the beginning of the employee's shift and then check out at the end. It was suggested to have a couple of employees from different departments start to use the system to check for any errors that would need to be corrected. It was stated that some errors had already been corrected since the last time some employees had used the system, but that there was no way to confirm that all errors had been corrected since employees had stopped using the system. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Hilmer to table requiring non-elected employees, hourly and salaried, to use the time keeping system until further discussion and testing of the system can be done. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There were no hiring freeze exemptions to act on.

Jacob Grossnickle and his partner Diana from AFLAC was present to give a presentation to the board about services they offer.

Michelle Oliver and her partner Crystion from Liberty National was present to give a short presentation to the board about services their company offers.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$ 220,911.24. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments here heard from Bill Faircloth, Laura Wilson, and Karen Murty. Public comment time closed at 9:52 am.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 9:53 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.