

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Meeting Notice

Tama County Board of Supervisors

Mon., Apr. 28, 2025

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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 4/21/25 regular minutes

Discussion/Approve 4/22/25 special meeting minutes

Engineer-road projects report

Discussion/possible action on TIP Rural Electric Coop Utility Permit

Discussion/possible action on Secondary Roads 4 day work week

Discussion/possible action on Auditor's Quarterly Report

Discussion/possible action on Health Insurance effective dates change

Discussion/possible action on POE phone options

Discussion/possible action to repeal Ordinance VI.5 (6.5) Wind Energy Conversion-

Resolution-4-28-2025A Repealing Tama County Ordinance VI.5(6.5) Wind Energy

Conversion Assessment Ordinance

Discussion/possible action to approve yard clean up at Union Grove Lake

Discussion/possible action to approve members to Tama County Essential Service

Advisory Council

Discussion/possible action of hiring freeze exemptions

Discussion/approve claims

Supervisor updates by district

Discussion/possible action regarding litigation in Tammy Wise v Board of Supervisors LACV008973

possible closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(c)

Public comments

Adjourn

Board of Supervisors Minutes
April 21, 2025

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. April 21, 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 Kupka to approve the agenda. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Jim Smith, Laura Wilson, Karen Murty, and Richard Arp. Public comments closed at 8:39 am.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to approve the minutes of the April 14th regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Supervisor Turner asked to continue research regarding power over the Ethernet for the new phone system for the next couple of weeks. He stated he had been approached by Aureon asking if the county would entertain using them as a director. He asked that this item be on the agenda for the next few weeks until we get an IT Director.

There were no hiring freeze exemptions to act on.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Knebel to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$103,459.07. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

At 8:45 am the Board held a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed county budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to open the public hearing. All voted aye. Motion carried. There were members of the public present. Public comments: No written comments were received. Questions about the budget and comments were heard from the public. Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to close the public hearing. Chairman Doland closed the public hearing at 8:55 am. All voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve the total amount of property taxes levied at \$13,093,274, an increase of \$1,107,190 from last year due to an increase from the voter approved EMS Levy and increased assessed property value and to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 4-21-2025A

The Board of Supervisors of Tama County hereby approves and adopts the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget making the total property taxes levied \$13,093,274. The Board further notes that the budget was published in official newspapers for Tama County and orders the budget to be certified and filed with/by the Tama County Auditor, as required by law.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 21st day of April, 2025. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 4-21-2025B

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors approve a 2% wage increase for all elected officials except the Board of Supervisors, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tama County Board of Supervisors approves the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Approved Salary</u>	<u>Approved Increase</u>
Attorney	\$118,992	2.0%
Auditor	\$78,525	2.0%
Recorder	\$78,311	2.0%
Sheriff	\$120,199	2.0%
Supervisors	\$38,724	0%
Treasurer	\$78,419	2.0%

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 21st day of April, 2025. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to approve the annual liquor license renewal for Backyard Vines LLC. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Sheriff Schmidt was present to inform the Board of Supervisors that he had attended Civil School last week and during a breakout session mental health services were discussed. Sheriff Schmidt stated he had voiced his frustration that the core issue is being overlooked: the lack of resources and the increasingly limited mental health services available. He voiced his concerns about how the Sheriff's office, local law enforcement, and our county are bearing the financial and operational burden due to the lack of adequate services thanks to the state. He stated he does appreciate efforts in working toward getting things back on track, but he still believes we're creating "support" systems and mechanisms that don't fully tackle the real issue—the absence of sufficient mental health services in small rural counties. We shouldn't have to rely on law enforcement to provide these services. The jail may be secure, but it is not a proper mental health facility. He stated the good news is that funding for mental health medications for those incarcerated will continue after July 1st.

The Board recessed until 9:30 am.

At 9:30 am the Board held a public hearing to receive comments to repeal Ordinance VI.5(6.5) Wind Energy Conversion. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to open the public hearing. All voted aye. Motion carried. There were members of the public present. Public comments: No written comments were received. Questions and comments were heard from the public.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to close the public hearing. All voted aye. Motion carried. Chairman Doland closed the public hearing at 9:38 am. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to waive the 2nd and 3rd public hearings. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Doland stated the next agenda item is to go into potential closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5.1 (i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation pursuant to the individual's request for a closed session. There has not been a request for closed session. Bob Vokoun was present and stated he did not want a closed session. Paul Greufe stated that Bob Vokoun was voluntarily resigning his position as Zoning/Weed Commissioner effective May 1st. Bob stated he had been planning to resign due to the time the job was taking. Motion by Knebel to accept Bob Vokoun's resignation as Zoning Administrator and Weed Commissioner effective immediately but with pay until May 1st, seconded by Kupka. Discussion: Bob wanted the public to know that he isn't just leaving and has things that need to be completed. Knebel stated that they would get an interim commissioner to handle those issues. Greufe stated from a HR perspective it is a voluntary resignation. When any employee gives a resignation, the Board makes a decision whether to accept the resignation and then a conversation of the effective date. The Board could say we accept your voluntary resignation effective immediately and we won't pay you, but this Board is considering saying we will honor your two weeks' notice and pay you for that time. It is not a termination; it is accepting the voluntary resignation honoring the original request. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Bob Vokoun, Craig Sash, Karen Murty, Andrea Dvorak, Richard Arp, Bill Faircloth, and Berleen Wobeter. Public comments closed at 10:16 am.

Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 10:17 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.

Board of Supervisors Minutes
April 22, 2025

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 10:30 a.m. April 22, 2025. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 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. 2nd District Supervisor, David Turner, joined by phone.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Doland stated there is need to discuss and possible action to reassign zoning/weed duties due to the resignation of Bob Vokoun from yesterday. He stated there are a couple of options under Iowa Code. They do have to be appointed positions. Motion by Hilmer to temporarily give the zoning/weed duties to Chris Behrens, Tama County Sanitarian, seconded by Kupka. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board then held discussions regarding if more hours need to be added to the Zoning/Weed Commissioner position. They stated they will work with Paul Greufe to post the Zoning/Weed Commissioner position to permanently fill the vacancy.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Mike Wentzien. Public comments closed at 10:46 am.

Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 10:46 am.

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

April 28th, 2025

We've been spot rocking last week. We have all the snow fronts off all our trucks now. We've gotten our Dust Control List and will be reviewing those spots this next week.

Last week hydro seeded B Avenue and this week we will be hydroseeding on K Avenue by FS.

The rest of the shop has been torn down this past week. All that is left is the concrete slab.

Myself, and the road foremans will be attending the OSHA 10 HR course on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

TAMA COUNTY UTILITY PERMIT APPLICATION

This is a Utility Permit Application for telecommunications, electric, gas, water and sewer utilities. The applicant agrees to comply with the following permit requirements. Compliance shall be determined by the sole discretion of the County Engineer as deemed necessary to promote public health, safety and the general welfare. These requirements shall apply unless waived in writing by the County Engineer prior to installation.

Applicant Name: T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative

Street Address: 320 Industrial Drive

City, State & Zip Code: Brooklyn, IA 52211

Telephone Number: 800-934-7976

Contact Person: Cole Calkins ccalkins@tiprec.com

1. **Location Plan.** An applicant shall file a completed location plan as an attachment to this Utility Permit Application. The location plan shall set forth the location of the proposed line on the secondary road system and include a description of the proposed installation.
2. **Written or Verbal Notice.** At least two working days prior to the proposed installation, an applicant shall file with the County Engineer a notice stating the time, date, location and nature of the proposed installation.
3. **Inspection.** The County Engineer shall provide a full-time inspector during all permitted work done by a third party contractor. The inspector shall have the right, during reasonable hours and after showing proper identification, to enter any installation site in the discharge of the inspector's official duties, and to make any inspection or test that is reasonably necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare. The cost of providing this inspection service shall be paid by the permit holder upon submission by Tama County of a bill for such services. All requirements listed in **4. Requirements** shall be met (less written exemptions) regardless of whom actually performs the work.
4. **Requirements.** The installation inspector shall assure that the following requirements have been met:
 - A) Construction signing shall comply with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
 - B) Depth – The minimum depth of cover shall be as follows:

Telecommunications.....36"	Electric.....48"	
Gas.....48"	Water.....60"	Sewer.....60"

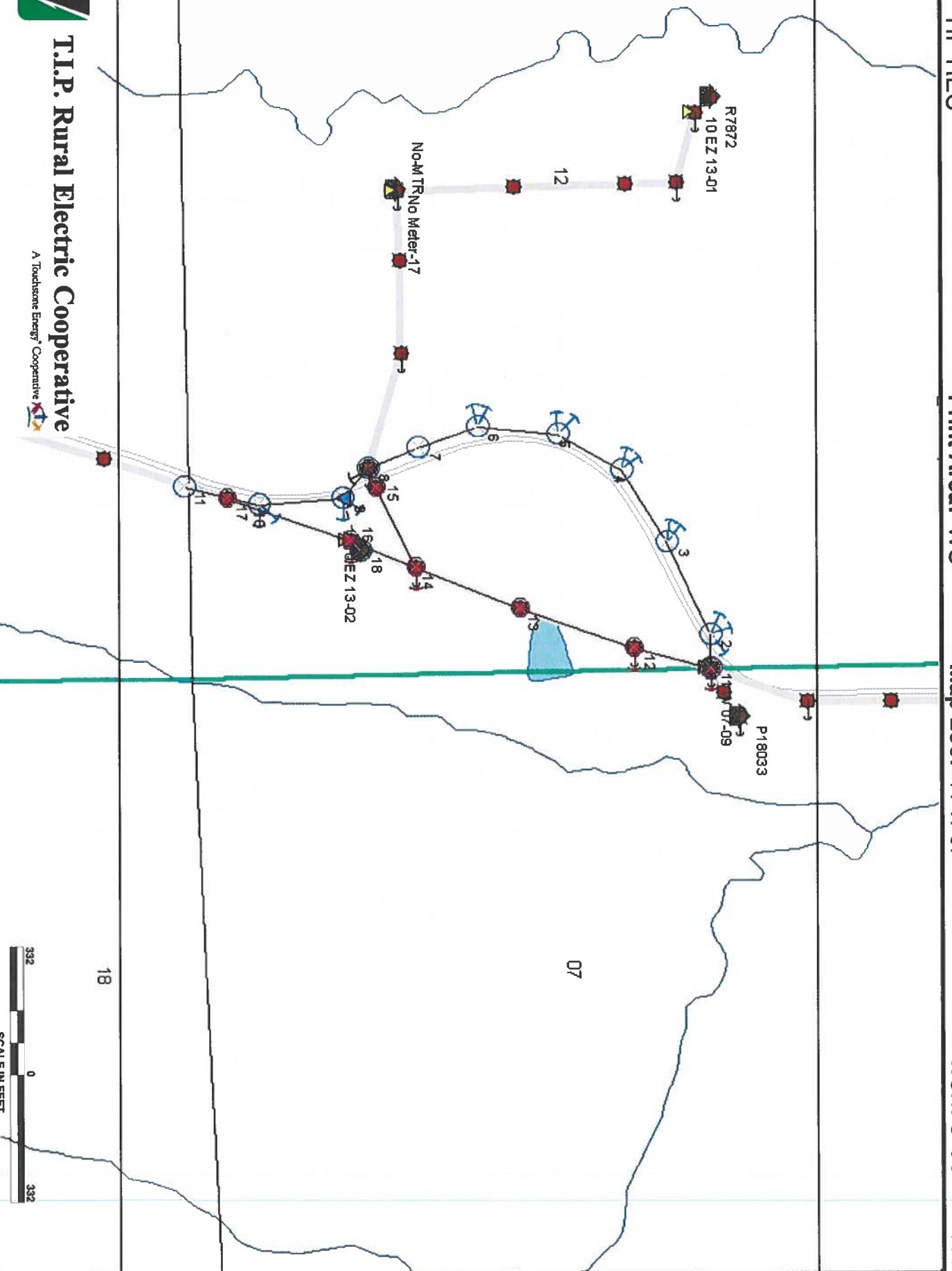
If the utility is installed in the road ditch and if the ditch has silted in above the original flowline, add the depth of silting to the "minimum depth" to obtain the required depth in a particular location.
 - C) The applicant shall use reference markers in the right of way ("R.O.W.") boundary to locate line and changes in alignment as required by the County Engineer. A permanent warning tape shall be placed one (1) foot above all underground utility lines.
 - D) All tile line locations shall be marked with references located in the R.O.W. line.
 - E) No underground utility lines shall cross over a crossroad drainage structure.
 - F) Residents along the utility route shall have uninterrupted access to the public roads. An all-weather access shall be maintained for residents adjacent to the project.
 - G) A joint assessment of the road surfacing shall be made by the applicant and the County Engineer both before and after construction. After construction, granular surfacing shall be added to the road by the applicant to restore the road to its original condition. After surfacing has been applied, the road surface shall be reviewed by the County Engineer (after the road has been saturated), to determine if additional surfacing on the roadway by the applicant is necessary.

In Columbia Township, sections 12 &13, T82N R15W, along M Ave, Tama. Starting at 3577 M Ave and ending at 3595 M Ave, installing single phase overhead line. Poles and anchors will be installed in backslope of ROW. Total line length is approximately 1784'. Moving line out of the PROW/trees and to the road



T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy Cooperative



Service Order #: 44005



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Member Name: TIP REC

Map Number: 11 W 07

W.O. #: 44005

Staked Date:

Released Date:

Staked By: COLE R. CALKINS

Released By:

Ruling Span:

Code:

County: Tama
Sub: M-TAMA

Section: 12 & 13
Feeder:

Township: Columbia

Range: T82N R15W
Phase: B

Service #: 02

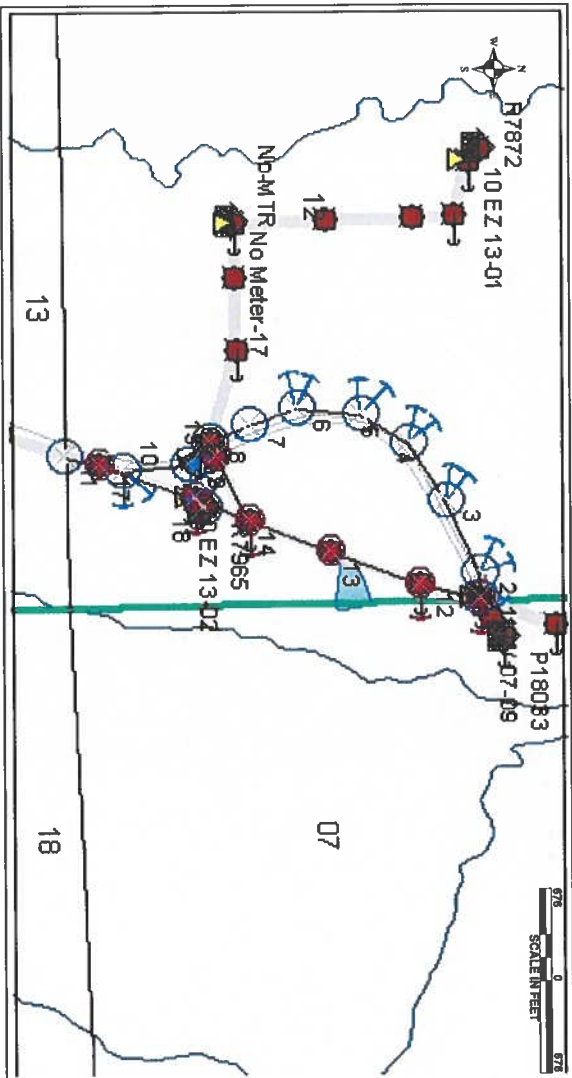
Foreman:

Start Date:

Finish Date:

Sheet: 1 of 1

POSITION #	Back Span	* POLES & HEIGHT CLASS	PRIMARY UNIT	WIRE SIZE	TRANSFORMER	ROW CLEARING	MISC. "M UNITS"	GROUND "M2"	GUY	ANCHOR	LEAD	SECONDARY UNITS	SPAN	SERVICE WIRE	METER LOOP	METER SIZE
1		E			OH-10											
		E			G1.2											
		R	35X5 POLE	A1.11			H1.1		E1.1	F2.12		J2.2				
		C	45X3 POLE	A4.1			H1.1		(3) E1.1L	(3) F2.12		J2.2				
		C							(3) E1.5							
2	87	C	40X3 POLE	A4.1	(174) 2 ACSR				E1.1L	(3) F2.12						
		C							E1.5							
3	282	C	40X3 POLE	A2.3	(524) 2 ACSR				(2) E1.1L	(2) F2.12						
		C							(2) E1.5							
4	222	C	40X3 POLE	A2.3	(444) 2 ACSR				(2) E1.1L	(2) F2.12						
		C							(2) E1.5							
5	185	C	35X3 POLE	A2.3	(370) 2 ACSR		P1.1		(2) E1.1L	(2) F2.12						
		C					H1.1		(2) E1.5							
6	209	C	40X3 POLE	A2.3	(418) 2 ACSR				E1.1L	(2) F2.12						
		C							E1.5							
7	161	C	40X3 POLE	A1.1	(322) 2 ACSR		H1.1									
		C					P1.1									
8		E								F2.12						
	140	R	40X3 POLE	A3.1	(109) 4 ACSR				E1.1							
	140	C	40X3 POLE	A4.1	(280) 2 ACSR				E1.1L	F2.12						
		C							E1.5							
9	103	C	40X3 POLE	A2.3	(206) 2 ACSR		H1.1		E1.1L	(2) F2.12						
		C					S1.01		E1.5							
		C					UM5									
10	217	C	40X3 POLE	A2.3	(434) 2 ACSR				E1.1L	(2) F2.12						
		C							E1.5							
11	198	C	40X3 POLE	A1.1	(356) 2 ACSR		H1.1									
		C					P1.1									
12	207	R	35X5 POLE	A2.3	(413) 4 ACSR				E1.1	F2.12						
13	308	R	35X5 POLE	A1.1	(616) 4 ACSR											
14	285	R	40X3 POLE	A1.1	(589) 4 ACSR		H5.1		E1.1	F2.12						
		R														
15	232	R	35X5 POLE	A1.1	(483) 4 ACSR		H5.1									
16	184	R	35X5 POLE	A2.3	(388) 4 ACSR		H1.1		E1.1L	F2.12		J2.2				
		R														
17	336	R	35X5 POLE	A1.1	(671) 4 ACSR		H5.1									
		E														
18		R	30X5 POLE				SL40-M					J2.2				METER
		C	30X5 POLE				UM5						37	(37) 4/0 TPX		
													143	(143) 350 SEC URD		



Comment: Line Revision

Meter #:

Transformer #:

Number of Members:				
Action	Conductor	Wire Feet	No. of Wires	Pole Line Feet
R	4/0 TPX	37	1	37
R	4 ACSR	3209	2	1607
C	2 ACSR	3568	2	1784
C	350 SEC	143	1	143
	URD			
Total Pole Line Feet:				3571
Total Wire Feet:				6957

COUNTY AUDITORS REPORT OF FEES COLLECTED

RECEIVED

APR 10 2025

TAMA COUNTY AUDITOR
TOLEDO, IOWA 52342

State of Iowa, Tama County

To the Board of Supervisors of Tama County:

I, Karen Rohrs, Auditor of the above named County and State, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct statement of the fees collected by me in my office for the quarter ending 31-Mar-25 and the same has been paid to the DATE County Treasurer, as per revenue receipt No. R00145292 hereto attached:

OFFICE FEES

Tax Sale Fees	0.00
Zoning	0.00
Other Office Fees	0.00
Total Office Fees	0.00

OTHER COLLECTIONS

Maps and Plat Books (GIS shapefiles)	475.56
Miscellaneous	530.00
Less replacement check	0.00
Total Other Fees	1,005.56
TOTAL	1,005.56

All of which is respectfully submitted

Karen Rohrs
County Auditor

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Maureen Kratoska Notary Public on this 16th day of April, 2025.



RESOLUTION 4-28-2025A

A Resolution Repealing Tama County Ordinance VI.5 (6.5) Wind Energy Conversion Assessment Ordinance

WHEREAS The Tama County Board of Supervisors is authorized, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 427B.26 Section 1. Subsection b., to repeal the ordinance for special valuation of wind energy conversion property; and

WHEREAS, Tama County Ordinance VI.5 (6.5) provides for the special valuation of wind energy conversion property pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 427B.26; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that the continuation of the special valuation provided under Section 4 of the ordinance ceases to be of benefit to the county;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Tama County, Iowa, that Tama County Ordinance VI.5 (6.5) Wind Energy Conversion Assessment Ordinance is hereby **REPEALED**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that property specially valued under Section 4 prior to the repeal of the ordinance shall continue to be valued under Section 4 until the end of the 19th assessment year following the assessment year in which the property was first assessed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any section, provision, or other part of this resolution shall be judged invalid or unconstitutional, said adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution as a whole or any section, provision, or other part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

This resolution shall be effective after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Hiring Freeze Exemption Request

Position Title: Bridge Crew Laborer

Date Submitted: 4/24/25

Office/Department: Engineer

Preferred Start Date: May 27th

Expected Salary/Hourly Pay: \$26.29/hr

Requestor: Ben Daleske

Board Approval: _____

What job function will this position serve?

Works on our bridge crew and runs a snow route in the winter time.

Why do you consider this position to be essential?

They help with the maintenance and construction of bridges, culverts, and buildings.

They also have a snow route in the winter time

What are the consequences if this position is not filled?

We will not have a full bridge crew and in the winter time we will have to hire another part time snow operator in the winter.

Is it possible for the job responsibilities to be performed by other staff?

It will pull other employees from their duties to help on projects.

What are the funding sources for this position?

Secondary Roads

How will the department/office manage its work if this position is not authorized?

We will have to hire an additional part time snow operator in the winter and in the summer have to move employees around to help with the bridge crew.