

Board of Supervisors Minutes
May 2, 2025

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. May 2, 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, and members of the public.

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 Karen Murty. Public comment time closed at 8:32 am.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to go into discussion regarding Economic Development. All voted aye. Motion carried. The board discussed how they plan to fully fund Economic Development the first half of the new fiscal year starting in July and for the second half of the new fiscal year they would fund Economic Development by paying \$3.00 per capita for the rural residents in the county. All board members agreed that they do not want to see Economic Development go away but discussed that the county shouldn't fund the majority of the budget. Knebel stated she would like to do more research by calling other counties to see how their economic development works. The board discussed possibly updating the 28E agreement or creating a new 28E agreement with economic development. The Board of Supervisors would like to see Tama County businesses and the chamber of commerce get more involved. The Board of Supervisors all agreed that more discussions need to be held with the Economic Development Board as to the future of Economic Development.

Doland stated the Board of Adjustment came out of their closed session on April 29th and voted to retain outside legal counsel. Knebel stated the Heartland Risk Pool has agreed to pay up to \$25,000.00 in the Board of Adjustment's outside legal counsel fees. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Knebel to approve appointing outside legal counsel Tom Henderson with Whitfield & Eddy Law at the request of the Board of Adjustment and to have the board chairman sign the agreement. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Doland stated current interim Zoning/Weed Commissioner, Chris Behrens, had turned in his resignation on April 30th stating his busy schedule did not allow time for him to accomplish all that needed to be done to fulfill the interim position effective at the end of the day on April 30th. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Knebel to approve accepting the resignation of interim Zoning/Weed Commissioner, Chris Behrens. Discussion: Knebel stated she appreciated Chris stepping in and trying to help. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Doland stated that he along with Supervisor Turner and Auditor Rohrs interviewed Laura Wilson for the vacant Zoning Director position. As of today, she is the only applicant. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to appoint Laura Wilson as the interim Zoning Director until a permanent

replacement can be hired. Discussion: Knebel stated that she will be paid hourly. Doland stated he had spoken to Paul and that the interim person does not need to be a county employee but does need to be on the county's payroll. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Doland stated he had reached out to the county engineer about handling the weeds. He stated in Laura's interview she had stated she was willing to learn and do the job as Weed Commissioner. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to appoint Laura Wilson as the interim Weed Commissioner until a permanent replacement can be hired. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty and Richard Arp. Public comment time closed at 9:23 am.

Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 9:23 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.