

**Board of Supervisors Minutes**  
**May 5, 2025**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. May 5, 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, Sheriff Detective Killian, 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 Karen Murty. Public comment time closed at 8:31 am.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the April 28<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the May 2<sup>nd</sup> special meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mike Marquess, attorney for the City of Gladbrook, was present to ask the supervisors to reassign Tax Certificates # 17-0236, 17-0237, and 17-0235. The current amount owed is \$3,675.00. \$1,004.00 of that is actual taxes, the rest is for interest, special assessments and miscellaneous fees. Mr. Marquess would like to offer \$502.00, one half the amount of the taxes. He would like the supervisors to abate the other half of the taxes owed, interest, and miscellaneous fees. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to reassign Tax Sale Certificates #17-0236, 17-0237, and 17-0235 to the City of Gladbrook for \$502.00. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Judy Hamaker, Heartland Rick Pool and Mary Griffin, a member of Homes Murphy, were present to go over the insurance rates for the new fiscal year starting July 1, 2025. There will be no increase for the next fiscal year.

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

Doland stated May is National Mental Health Awareness Month. He created the following proclamation resolution to bring more attention to the need for mental health awareness. Motion by Doland, seconded by Turner to approve the following proclamation resolution for Mental Health Awareness Month. Discussion: None.

**RESOLUTION 5-5-2025A**

**TAMA COUNTY, IOWA**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**PROCLAMATION RESOLUTION**  
**Mental Health Awareness Month**

**May 5th, 2025**

WHEREAS, mental health is indispensable to the overall health and well-being of all individuals; and

WHEREAS, mental illnesses are genuine and widespread within our community, affecting one in five adults annually; and

WHEREAS, Tama County residents report an average of 4.2 poor mental health days per month, with approximately eight percent of residents lacking health insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, there exists a ratio of 2,811 residents for every mental health care provider in Tama County; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly heightened awareness of mental health issues and underscored the necessity for accessible mental health care; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental illness frequently deters individuals from seeking necessary assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Make It OK Iowa campaign advocates for open dialogues regarding mental health to diminish stigma and support those affected;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Tama County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Tama County, Iowa, and urge our citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and educational establishments to recommit our community to enhancing awareness and understanding of mental health, reducing stigma and discrimination, and promoting accessible services for all.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 5th day of May, 2025. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Doland stated the Land Use Plan with amendments had been reviewed by the county attorney. Doland stated the Iowa Code allows the board to adopt amendments to the original plan. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka to approve and adopt the amended Land Use Plan. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Karen Rohrs, Auditor, asked the Board to approve a transfer of \$461,000 from the Vienna TIF Fund to the Debt Service Fund to cover the bond payment due on June 1<sup>st</sup>. These are funds collected from property taxes to cover this expense. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to approve the following transfer of funds. Discussion: None.

**RESOLUTION 5-5-2025B**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tama County Board of Supervisors approves the transfer of \$461,000.00 from the Vienna TIF Fund (0015) to the Debt Service Fund (2100) as requested by the Tama County Auditor.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 5th day of May, 2025. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Auditor Rohrs stated that some county departments need a budget amendment for this current fiscal year and asked the board to set a public hearing for a budget amendment for Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:45 am. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to set the public hearing for the FY25 budget amendment for Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:45 am. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to approve unappointing Jeremy Cremeans as Tama County 911 Director and representative on SARA (Shared Area Radio Agreement). Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve appointing Jacob Reineke as the new Tama County 911 Director and representative on SARA (Shared Area Radio Agreement). Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Turner stated there is still no IT Director. There is a meeting scheduled tomorrow afternoon with Aureon to get a quote on switches they can offer and what an IT Director would look like and cost with them. He stated a date will be set soon to interview two more IT Director candidates. No action was taken.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to set the levy for Drainage District 1 at 33% for FY25/26. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Tama Meskwaki Celebration Church submitted two requests for use of the courthouse lawn for July 7-10 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm each day, and July 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am to 9:00 am to hold Bible readings. 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 events the grounds will be inspected and if deemed left in pre-event condition the \$100 deposit will be returned. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to approve the use of the courthouse lawn for the Tama Meskwaki Celebration Church and have the chairman of the Board of Supervisors sign the Courthouse Grounds Policy Applications. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Doland stated he has had more conversations about the FY26 Economic Development budget but is not ready to move forward with adopting a resolution. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to table action on a resolution. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There were no hiring freeze exemptions to act on.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$151,802.19. Discussion: The majority of claims was for rock for the engineer. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: No additional comments were given. Public comment time closed at 9:05 am.

Supervisor Knebel gave an update on the Heartland Risk Pool committee that she is on. She stated they discussed hearing tests, and that OSHA requires them. She also stated there is a new lawsuit with the Board of Adjustment and Zoning Director. She was able to get \$25,000 from the Risk Pool to pay for that outside counsel. She stated our safety claims have gone down, and safety will continued to be looked at. She also attended the DECAT meeting and learned that Community Partnerships for Protecting Children will continue next year and that the governor is keeping DECAT.

Supervisor Turner stated he attended the Region 6 Resource Partners meeting. He stated the biggest thing that came out of the meeting are the grants that are in play. There is money going for generators in Dysart and Tama due to the derecho. For IDPH 5210 \$20,000, for construction work being done at 134 High Street there is \$300,000, and for the Tama Toledo Safe Routes project there is \$600,000.

Supervisor Hilmer stated he attended the board of health meeting and Supervisor Doland was there to discuss mental health. Doland stated he was placed on their agenda along with Libby Reekers, judicial mental health advocate. Doland stated he would like to bring more robust services to Tama County. Discussion of a position is being looked at. It was originally thought to place that position under public health, but it looks like it makes more sense to put it under the sheriff's department. He stated we are looking at models around us and discussions will continue.

A five-minute recess was held at 9:15 am. The board came out of recess at 9:22 am.

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

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to approve the Life Insurance Renewal. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 9:25 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.