

**Board of Supervisors Minutes**  
**May 12, 2025**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. May 12, 2025. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, David Turner; 4th District Supervisor, Mark Doland and 5th District Supervisor, Curt Kupka. 3rd District Supervisor, Heather Knebel joined by Teams. 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 Jim Smith. Public comment time closed at 8:32 am.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to approve the minutes of the May 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board met with Ben Daleske, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report. Daleske also had a utility permit for the board chairman to sign. The permit is for Alliant Energy on 150<sup>th</sup> Street to C Ave. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to approve the board chairman to sign the utility permit. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Daleske had a second utility permit for the board chairman to sign. The permit is for Consumers Energy on Abbott Ave. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to approve the board chairman to sign the utility permit. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Safety Director/work comp position that will be vacant at the end of June. Garrison, current Safety Director, stated he would like direction on what to do with the property and duties. Doland stated Paul is drafting a skeleton outline for the position and that Ben, the county engineer, has taken over as chairman for safety. The board stated they would like Garrison to compile an itemized list of the safety property. The board will then at a future meeting discuss what should be done with the property. Garrison stated he has not found another job yet and will be around until the end of June unless he finds a job prior to that.

Doland stated the time has come and gone for applications for the Zoning/Weed Commissioner opening and there have not been any additional applications. Laura Wilson is currently in the position as interim Zoning/Weed Commissioner and is doing a good job. Turner confirmed that the veteran qualifications have been met. Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve appointing Laura Wilson as the new Zoning/Weed Commissioner. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Doland stated there are Zoning and Board of Adjustment members who do not have staggered terms and that this needs to be corrected. He stated the two Board of Adjustment members and one Zoning member's positions that are coming due will need to be posted for 10 days to allow for

applications. The Board of Supervisors will then interview applicants. Knebel stated right now Nancy Yuska and John Wagner both have terms due to expire in 2028. Knebel stated Yuska was brought onto the Board of Adjustment before Wagner. Knebel made a motion to move Nancy Yuska's term to expire on June 30, 2027, seconded by Hilmer. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Knebel made a motion to post the two open Board of Adjustment positions and one open Zoning Commission position by June 1<sup>st</sup>, seconded by Turner. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The treasurer would like the board to increase the amount she is able to deposit into the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust, Des Moines (IPAIT) from \$5 million to \$10 million. She would like this increase due to receiving a higher rate with them and would like to be able to deposit more with them if the county has the funds to do so. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve the following resolution. Discussion: Turner stated this is a good thing.

**RESOLUTION 5-12-2025A**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tama County Board of Supervisors hereby resolves to authorize the County Treasurer to deposit county funds in the following bank and set the amount as follows:

Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust, Des Moines 10,000,000

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 12th day of May, 2025. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Knebel stated Judi with Heartland Risk Pool was at the meeting last week to give an update on the renewal. Knebel stated the county's premiums are coming down. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Hilmer to approve the Heartland Risk Pool renewal. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Turner discussed power over the Ethernet. He stated interviews for a new IT Director are going to be held tomorrow. He stated there are several options for switches and that he asked the ISAC group for their thoughts. He stated he will discuss the options further tomorrow.

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 \$1,045,323.65. Discussion: Auditor Rohrs stated the reason the claims are so high this week are due to the bonds the county is paying for out of the Debt Service Fund. All voted aye. Motion carried.

None of the supervisors had any additional updates regarding committee meetings they have attended or things happening in their districts.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty and Richard Arp. Public comment time closed at 9:04 am.

Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 9:04 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.