

Board of Supervisors Minutes
June 30, 2025

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. June 30, 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, Detective Killian, and Sheriff Schmidt.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to approve the agenda. Discussion: Turner amended the agenda to say that the Board would go into closed session at 8:55 am. Turner made a motion to amend the agenda, seconded by Knebel. All voted aye. Motion carried. All voted aye to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the minutes of the June 23rd regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

At 8:35 am the Board held a public hearing per Iowa Code 331.321 (3). Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka to go into the public hearing. Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. The Board heard from Craig Sash regarding his removal from the zoning commission. He stated he felt that he should never have been removed from the board. Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to close the public hearing. The hearing ended at 8:46 am. Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. No action was taken.

Julie Scadden from the Tama County Essential Services Advisory Board had reached out to the auditor to have the Board discuss financial support for first responders with the EMS tax levy money and costs of administrative services for the EMS Board. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve EMS tax levy funds help pay for first responders and EMS Board administrative costs. Discussion: Turner stated all claims would still go to the auditor to enter for the Board of Supervisors to approve. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the 2025 Homestead/Military Exemptions as presented by the County Assessor. Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to approve the 2025 Homestead/Military Exemptions. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dirk Henle, maintenance director, would like the Board to approve the following transfer to the Capital Projects fund to cover future tuck-pointing work and repairs that may need to be done on the courthouse and for future HVAC projects. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to approve the following resolution. Discussion: None.

RESOLUTION 6-30-2025A
Resolution to Transfer Funds

\$40,000.00 from the General Fund (0001) into the Capital Projects Fund (1600) to cover future tuck-pointing and HVAC expenses.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 30th day of June, 2025. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

The Board has received the completed Tama County cost allocation plan prepared by Cost Advisory Services, Inc. Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to accept/approve the board chairman to sign the FY24 Certificate of Cost Allocation Statement as prepared by Cost Advisory Services.

Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to approve the following Tama County Noxious Weed Resolution. Discussion: None.

RESOLUTION 6-30-2025B
Tama County Noxious Weed Notice

NOTICE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Tama County, Iowa, that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 317 of the Code of Iowa, Chapter 58 of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and Land Stewardship Administrative Code, and amendments there to; it is hereby ordered:

Each owner and each person responsible for managing lands shall eradicate all Class A noxious weeds and control all Class B noxious weeds. The owner and or persons responsible for managing any lands shall keep said lands free from the growth of any other weeds that make the streets or highways adjoining said lands unsafe for public travel or may cause harm to agricultural land or natural areas. Control is defined as the prevention of the spread of noxious weeds by limiting the production of reproductive structures.

Noxious weeds from the Iowa Code 317 that are present in Tama County shall be controlled or eradicated as is necessary throughout the growing season. Any landowner with property under CRP contract with the USDA is encouraged to consult with their local office and must abide by contract requirements.

Class A Noxious Weeds for Eradication: Palmer Amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*), Quack grass (*Elymus repens*), Perennial sow thistle (*Sonchus arvensis*), Canada Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), Bull Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), European morning glory or field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*), Horse nettle (*Solanum carolinense*), Leafy Spurge (*Euphorbia esula*), Perennial pepper-grass (*Cardaria draba*), Russian knapweed (*Acroptilon repens*), Buckthorn (*Rhamnus spp.* , not to include *Frangula alnus*, syn. *Rhamnus frangula*), all other species of thistles belonging in the genera of Cirsium and Carduus.

At all times: These Class A Noxious Weeds must be eradicated. If they are found on land in Tama County, the owner or manager of said land is encouraged to cooperate with the United States Department of Agriculture. This also may include the department's farm service agency office for that county, the farm service agency's state office, or any other office or official designated by the department.

Class B Noxious Weeds for Control: Butter print (*Abutilon theophrasti*) annual, Cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*) annual, Wild mustard (*Sinapis arvensis*) annual, Wild carrot (*Daucus carota*) biennial, Buckhorn (*Plantago lanceolata*) perennial, Sheep sorrel (*Rumex acetosella*)

perennial, Sour dock (*Rumex crispus*) perennial, Smooth dock (*Rumex altissimus*) perennial, Poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*), Multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*), Wild sunflower (wild strain of *Helianthus annuus L.*) annual, Puncture vine (*Tribulus terrestris*) annual, Teasel (*Dipsacus spp.*) biennial, Shattercane (*Sorghum bicolor*) annual.

In case of failure to comply in any order of control of weeds, the commissioner, the deputies, or agents may, subsequent to the time after service of the notice provided for in Section 317.6, enter upon the land and control the weeds or impose a maximum penalty of \$10 per day, up to ten days, that the owner or person responsible for managing the land fails to comply. If a penalty is imposed and the owner or person responsible for managing the land fails to comply, the commissioner shall cause the weeds to be controlled. If the commissioner, the deputies, or the agents enter the land and control the weeds, the actual cost and expense of cutting, burning, or otherwise controlling the weeds, along with the cost of serving notice and special meetings or proceedings, shall be paid by the county and together with the additional assessment to apply toward costs of supervision and administration, be recovered by an assessment against the tract of real estate on which the weeds were growing as provided in Section 317.21. Any fine imposed shall be recovered by a similar assessment.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 30th day of June, 2025. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

The Board of Adjustment has scheduled meetings on July 16 & 17. Due to increased numbers of citizens attending their meetings they would like to hold these two upcoming meetings at the Toledo Reinig Center. The Board of Adjustment has submitted the Toledo Reinig Center Rental Contract to the Board to have them approve the chairman signing the rental contract so their two upcoming meetings can be held there. Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to approve having the Board Chairman sign the Toledo Reinig Center Rental Contract. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There were no hiring freeze exemptions to act on.

Doland stated the board will go into closed session for discussion and possible action per Iowa Code 21.5.1 (c) regarding litigation in Tammy Wise v Tama County. Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5.1 (c). Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. The Board went into closed session at 8:53 am. Those present were Supervisors: Curt Hilmer, David Turner, Heather Knebel, Mark Doland, Curt Kupka, and Karen Rohrs, Auditor. Amy Reasner from Lynch Dallas, PC joined the meeting by phone. Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to go back into open session. The Board came out of closed session at 9:31 am. Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Those present were Supervisors: Curt Hilmer, David Turner, Heather Knebel, Mark Doland, Curt Kupka, and Karen Rohrs, Auditor. No action was taken.

The Board took a short recess at 9:31 am. The Board came out of recess at 9:35 am.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty, Craig Sash, Bob Vokoun, Berleen Wobeter, Kelli McCreary, Jim Smith, Dr. Boerm, Roger Wacha, Cole Langenbau, Andrea

Dvorak, Bill Faircloth, Stacey Zeman, Richard Arp, Kris Wurr, Gwen Seda, Dale Langenbau, Laura Wilson, Kendall Jordan, and Keith Sash. Public comment time closed at 11:12 am.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Hilmer to table approving to appoint someone to the zoning commission with their term ending 6/30/2030. Discussion: Knebel stated this would actually be re-appointing Carol Meyer to the zoning commission who is currently on the commission and who's term is expiring as of today. Hilmer retracted his action to table. Kupka made a motion to approve re-appointing Carol Meyer to the zoning commission with her new term ending 6/30/2030, seconded by Hilmer. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to table approving to appoint someone to the vacant zoning commission position with their term ending 6/30/2027 until all applications can be reviewed. Discussion: Doland stated good points have been made today and that it is good that Craig has a different point of view. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Knebel to correct Board of Adjustment terms per Iowa Code Section 335.11. Discussion: Knebel stated it has been wrong for a long time, and it is Iowa Code. She suggested tabling taking action to correct the terms today if the Board is not ready to appoint people to the terms. She would suggest tabling until next week if no one was going to get appointed today. Hilmer withdrew his motion to correct the Board of Adjustment terms per Iowa Code Section 335.11. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to table until next week. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to table appointing someone to the Board of Adjustment with their term ending 6/30/2029 until next week. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to table appointing someone to the Board of Adjustment with their term ending 6/30/2030. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve Law Enforcement Contracts as presented by Sheriff Schmidt with the following cities: Chelsea, Garwin, Gladbrook, Lincoln, Montour and Traer. Discussion: There was a 7% increase to the contracts this year. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Sheriff Schmidt also discussed with the Board donating a used Durango that the sheriff's office owns to the Tama EMS to respond to incidents in a timelier manner while the rest of their ambulance crew assembles to respond with the ambulance. Motion by Turner, second by Kupka to approve donating the used sheriff's office Durango to the City of Tama to be used with their ambulance service. Discussion: Kupka asked what the vehicle might bring at an auction. Sheriff Schmidt said it could range from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Kupka stated the Tama EMS has really stepped up with stuff he is involved with and he really appreciated everyone that is doing that. Turner stated the Tama Ambulance has done test runs using personal vehicles and lives have been saved and that this is a profitable thing and worthwhile. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding action the Tama County Economic Development Board took at their June 24th meeting regarding severance pay for Katherine Ollendieck. No action was taken.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$479,684.34. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 11:42 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.