

Board of Supervisors Minutes
July 21, 2025

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. July 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 Detective Killian.

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 and Richard Arp. Public comment time closed at 8:32 am.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka to approve the minutes of the July 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. He also had three utility permits for the board chairman to sign. The permits are for Interstate Power and Light Co. (Alliant Energy) They are located on K Ave, 315th St., and Hwy E43. Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the board chairman to sign the utility permits. Discussion: Kupka told Daleske to make sure to dig the ditches first. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Daleske had an additional utility permit for the board chairman to sign for Grundy Co. REC. This permit is located on 110th St. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to approve the board chairman signing the utility permit. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the property tax levy rates as prepared by the Auditor's Office and certified by the State of Iowa for Fiscal Year 2026 for publication. (A copy of the levy rate table is available upon request at the Auditor's office) Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Knebel to approve the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to approve Veteran Affairs Quarterly Report. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The county attorney and county auditor has received notification that the county can participate in additional opioid settlements. Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the board chairman signing a participation settlement agreement with Rubris for Opioid Litigation. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka to approve the board chairman signing a participation settlement agreement with Sandoz for Opioid Litigation. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

HR consultant, Paul Greufe, submitted an updated Equal Employment Opportunity/Harassment Policy he would like the board to approve. The policy was created by the Department Heads and now reflects state and federal law. This will be added to the Tama County Handbook in the near future. Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to approve the updated Equal Employment Opportunity/Harassment Policy as presented. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried. A copy is available in the Tama County Auditor's Office.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve attorney Amy Reasner to sign a joint defense agreement for Wise v. Tama County et al. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$927,876.00. Discussion: The large amount is due to the purchase of a motor grader by the engineer. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Doland stated the board will go into closed session for discussion and possible action per Iowa Code 21.5.1 (c) Salt Creek v. Tama County. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Knebel 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, and Curt Kupka. Also present was Karen Rohrs, Auditor. Mike Reck and Haley Hermanson with Belin McCormick joined by phone. Motion by Doland, seconded by Turner to go back into open session. The Board came out of closed session at 10:30 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, and Curt Kupka. Also present was Karen Rohrs, Auditor.

The Board took a short recess at 10:30 am. The Board came out of recess at 10:34 am.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to direct Belin McCormick to forward the changes discussed for the settlement and resolution agreements to Salt Creek. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Richard Arp and Karen Murty. Public comment time closed at 10:37 am.

Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 10:37 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.