

Board of Supervisors Minutes
December 8, 2025

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. December 8, 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: There were no comments from the public. Public comment time closed at 8:31 am.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the December 1st 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 presented three utility permits for Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC that are located in the City of Chelsea. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to approve the three utility permits and to approve the chairman to sign the permits. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Roger Bradley had approached the Tama County Treasurer regarding a tax abatement on parcel 1427404016. He is a veteran and is requesting that the Board abate his taxes 100%. Mr. Bradley was not at the meeting today. No action was taken.

Jim Roan gave an update on the bandstand project and of a future project for a pocket park. Katherine Ollendieck, City of Toledo Economic Development Director, and Jim Roan presented a 28E Agreement to the Board. The agreement concerns the bandstand, which is owned by the City of Toledo but located on the courthouse lawn, property owned by the county. Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to approve the 28E agreement between the City of Toledo and the county and to approve the chairman and auditor to sign the agreement. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Julie Scadden from the Tama County Essential Service Advisory Board has submitted a Tama County EMS Trust Fund Distribution Policy for the Board to consider. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the Tama County EMS Trust Fund Distribution Policy. Discussion: Doland had asked who the final say of the funds were. Scadden stated that the Board of Supervisors are who have the final say. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Scadden also presented a Tama County Essential Service Advisory Council Operating Charter for the Board to review and possibly approve. She stated that an attorney had reviewed the operating charter. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to approve the Tama County Essential Service Advisory Council Operating Charter. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board received notification from the Tama County 911 Communications Director asking the Board for their appointments to the Tama County 911 Service Board for the 2026 calendar year. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Doland to appoint Supervisor Turner as the Tama County 911 Service Board primary designee and Supervisor Kupka as the alternate designee. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Doland explained why the county received a contract from Region 6 to develop a Comprehensive Land Use Plan that is in compliance with the Iowa Code. Motion by Doland, seconded by Hilmer to direct the zoning commission to continue to work on the Tama County Comprehensive Land Use Plan and re-address this contract with Region 6 after the legislative session. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Paul Greufe, HR Consultant, had contacted Health Gauge—who had previously provided wellness and preventative services to county employees and their spouses—to request a quote for offering those services again. He subsequently received a proposal from Health Gauge. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Knebel to approve the Health Gauge proposal for the Cardiogauge & Biogauge non-fasting package for \$185 per participant. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board spoke by phone with Skip Lowe and Lacey Anderson from North Risk Partners to discuss short and long term disability benefits for county employees. Skip and Lacey will come back to the board once they have figures of what short and long term disability coverage may cost.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$406,175.87. Discussion: The claims are a little higher this week due to the quarterly payment to 911 from the board of supervisors. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: There were no comments from the public. Public comment time closed at 10:07 am.

New Business:

Supervisor Turner gave updates regarding IT issues, what has been spent and what remains for ARPA funds regarding IT purchases, and updates about the new phone system process.

The Board held an IPIB (Iowa Public Information Board) training to review open meetings and public records laws.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to adjourn the meeting. 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.