

Board of Supervisors Minutes
December 22, 2025

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. December 22, 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 Knebel to approve the agenda. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty and Russ Pedersen. Public comment time closed at 8:35 am.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka to approve the minutes of the December 15th regular meeting and December 15th special meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board met with Ben Daleske, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report. Daleske gave an update on the road foreman positions and stated that the positions had been offered to two candidates and that both had accepted the positions.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve contributing \$500 annually to the Iowa Valley Scenic Byway Audio Tour. Discussion: Discussion was held on if the county should continue to contribute to this project or if they should wait for the new economic development contract to be signed and wait on the recommendation of the new economic development. Motion by Hilmer to withdraw his original motion, seconded by Turner. No action was taken.

Doland stated that Chris Behrens, Tama County Sanitarian, has been working with the county attorney to draw up a contract for future mowing bids for the Union Grove Lake. Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to approve paying the itemized bill for yard cleanup at Union Grove Lake that had occurred over the summer. Discussion: Doland stated everything needs to be tied to a contract for the outside auditors to approve of. Hilmer, Knebel, Kupka, and Turner all voted aye. Doland voted nay. Motion carried.

Doland stated that a meeting was held on December 18th with the Marshalltown Chamber of Commerce and business owners to discuss what the future of economic development in Tama County looks like. John Hall, President & CEO of the Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce, briefly explained what the contract being proposed entails. Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve a contract with Marshalltown Chamber of Commerce and authorize the chairman to sign the contract. Discussion: Knebel stated that there is money in the budget to cover the contract costs and that the county attorney approved of the contract. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$61,915.05. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty and Gerald Husak. Public comment time closed at 9:34 am.

New Business:

Supervisor Knebel provided more information regarding revolving loans through Grundy REC. Supervisor Turner stated the county is still in the processing of deploying all the new phones for the county. Supervisor Doland gave a mental health update.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 9:39 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.