

Board of Supervisors Minutes
January 5, 2026

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. January 5, 2026. 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.

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of former supervisor Mike Wentzien, who passed away on January 2, 2026.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to approve the agenda. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Nikki Novak, Jim Smith and Gerald Husak. Public comment time closed at 8:47 am.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Knebel to approve the minutes of the December 29th regular meeting and January 2nd organizational meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dianna Cowan was not present to discuss the reassignment of Tax Certificate #21-0250. Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to postpone the reassignment of Tax Sale Certificate #21-0250. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board discussed setting up times to hold budget work sessions with all county departments. Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the budget work session schedule. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report. 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 \$41,934.51. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business:

Supervisor Turner spoke about continuing to work on solutions for the audio with the Owl and he informed the Board that IT applications have been coming in.

Supervisor Doland talked about how he had used Facebook live to stream the January 2, 2026, meeting and it seemed to work well.

The Board met with Ben Daleske, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report. The Board also met with the engineer, the two new foremen, the shop foreman, the assistant foreman, and the engineer office manager to review everyone's roles due to the restructuring of the management flow for secondary roads.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Gerald Husak. Public comment time closed at 9:58 am.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Knebel to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 9:58 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.