

**Board of Supervisors Minutes**  
**January 20, 2026**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. January 20, 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.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner 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 8:30 am.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the January 12<sup>th</sup> 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 a utility permit for Iowa Regional Utilities Association. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to approve the utility permit and to approve the chairman to sign the permit. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Doland stated that the Board had received a resignation letter from Daleske on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to accept the resignation of the county engineer, Ben Daleske. Discussion: The Board thanked him and wished him the best. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board discussed next steps for replacing the County Engineer and agreed to post the position, with the possibility of sharing an engineer with another county.

Curtis Behrens, Tama County Conservation Director, was present to give a conservation annual report. Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the conservation annual report. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Auditor Rohrs informed the Board that there is to be a Drainage District 1 Election on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. She asked the Board to set the canvass date and time for Monday, January 26, 2026, at 8:15 am. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka to approve setting the Drainage District 1 Election Canvass for Monday, January 26, 2026, at 8:15 am. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka to approve the Auditor's Quarterly Report. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Tama County Treasurer would like approval from the Board to open a bank account at WCF Financial Bank for the county's health fund and to transfer the health fund's balance from Lincoln Savings Bank to WCF Financial Bank. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the treasurer opening a bank account at WCF Financial Bank for the county's health fund and to transfer the health fund's balance from Lincoln Savings Bank to WCF Financial Bank. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to authorize the following Tama County representatives as signers on the new county health fund account with WCF Financial Bank: Karen Rohrs, Auditor, Amanda Kriegel, Treasurer, and Sara Gilbert, Treasurer Tax Assistant. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The treasurer would like the Board to increase the amount she is able to deposit into the WCF Financial Bank from \$5 million to \$10 million and to decrease the amount at Lincoln Savings Bank from \$15 million to \$2 million. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve the following resolution. Discussion: None.

**RESOLUTION 1-20-2026A**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tama County Board of Supervisors hereby resolves to authorize the County Treasurer to deposit county funds in the following banks and set the amounts as follows:

WCF Financial Bank, Toledo                      10,000,000

Lincoln Savings Bank, Tama                      2,000,000

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 20th day of January, 2026. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Doland provided an explanation of the Home Base program. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Knebel to approve the following resolution pertaining to Tama County becoming a Home Base Iowa County. Discussion: It was stated that this will be good for the county and that a ceremony will be held at next Monday's meeting at 9:30 am.

**RESOLUTION 1-20-2026B**

Tama County, Iowa – Home Base Iowa Resolution (Revised January 20, 2026)

WHEREAS, Tama County, Iowa, is committed to supporting, welcoming, and encouraging the successful transition of U.S. military veterans and their families to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, Home Base Iowa (HBI) is a statewide initiative that connects veterans, transitioning service members, and their families with career opportunities, education, and community resources throughout Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Tama County recognizes the importance of veteran focused programs, including county level Veterans Affairs support, assistance with compensation and pensions, medical care, military records, grave markers, home loans, and temporary aid for shelter, utilities, food, medical needs, job placement, counseling, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, IowaWORKS Centers provide priority service to veterans and their spouses, including career counseling, job search assistance, academic skill testing, résumé development, and Registered Apprenticeship opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Warrior & Family Services Branch supports military families with resources and networked assistance to strengthen service members and their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) program continues to promote employer education, outreach, and support for Guard and Reserve members; and WHEREAS, Tama County has met the requirements and is formally recognized with the official Home Base Iowa Establishment Date of January 20, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Tama County seeks to enhance its veteran friendly status by offering meaningful, practical incentives that directly assist veterans relocating to the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tama County Board of Supervisors that:

1. Tama County proudly reaffirms its participation as a Home Base Iowa County with the updated establishment date of January 20, 2026.

2. The County designates the following point of contact for all HBI related matters: Mark Doland, Chairman, Tama County Board of Supervisors Email: mdoland@tamacounty.org Phone: 641 481 2533

3. Relocation Incentives:

- Up to \$2,500 in assistance toward the purchase of a home within Tama County.

- Up to \$1,250 in rental assistance and/or rental deposit assistance.

4. Tama County will continue encouraging local employers, organizations, and communities to support HBI hiring initiatives, incentives, and veteran benefits.

5. Tama County Veterans Affairs, IowaWORKS, and other recognized veteran service organizations shall remain essential partners in delivering direct assistance to veterans.

6. The County shall promote ongoing public awareness of all incentives, resources, and programs available to veterans through Home Base Iowa, ESGR, the American Legion, and related support networks.

7. Authority to Implement Supportive Measures: The Tama County Board of Supervisors is authorized to take such actions, adopt such policies, and allocate such resources as may be necessary and appropriate to support, advance, and fulfill the objectives and outcomes outlined in this Resolution.

8. This Resolution fully updates and supersedes the version originally adopted on October 1, 2018.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 20th day of January, 2026. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$51,509.76. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Jim Smith. Public comment time closed at 9:14 am.

New Business:

Turner discussed how contracts need to be signed by the board of supervisor chairman and that long term contracts should not be signed. He also gave an update regarding the new phone system.

Hilmer stated he had received a phone call from Ben Schemmel, who had been in to present a tax abatement plan to the board of supervisors at a previous meeting, to see if he could come back and discuss the tax abatement plan with the board again. This topic will be placed on the February 2<sup>nd</sup> agenda. Kupka had stated he had met with secondary roads last week and that the meeting went well and that they have a plan. Secondary roads will be posting openings for truck drivers. He also

informed the Board that the landfill will be transferring money like they have done in the past. Doland stated he had reached out to bonding attorney, John Danos from Dorsey & Whitney LLP, to discuss a TIF.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 9:23 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.