

**Board of Supervisors Minutes**  
**February 9, 2026**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. February 9, 2026. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, David Turner; 3rd District Supervisor, Heather Knebel and 4th District Supervisor, Mark Doland. Also, Tama County Auditor, Karen Rohrs, Sheriff Schmidt, and members of the public. 5th District Supervisor, Curt Kupka joined the meeting at 10:39 am.

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 Charles Betz, Linda Pearson, Chris Cochran, Richard Arp, Stacy Koeppen, Jim Roan, Richard Vandermey, LeeAnna Kriegel, Lori Johnson, Dr. Hineman, Bob Vokoun, and Larry Thomas. Public comment time closed at 9:05 am.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the February 2<sup>nd</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 stated that the foreman did go out and assess the ditch for a utility permit for ITC Midwest LLC and that everything looked good, and no prior work needs done before the utility work. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve the utility permit for ITC Midwest LLC and authorize the chairman to sign the utility permit. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Daleske presented the updated County Five Year Program to the Board. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Hilmer to approve the updated County Five Year Program and to authorize the Auditor and Board Chairman to sign the documents. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Daleske also presented the Fiscal Year 2027 DOT Budget to the Board. It was stated that the budget would need to be amended once raises were decided on. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 DOT Budget with the stipulation that it will be amended to reflect raises once they have been approved and authorize the Auditor and Board Chairman to sign the documents. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Jody Wallen, Montour City Clerk, and Ronnie Green, Montour City Council member, were present to ask the supervisors to reassign Tax Certificate #17-0243 to the City of Montour for a bridge project. The current amount owed is \$8,946.00. \$4,041.00 of that is actual taxes, the rest is for interest and miscellaneous fees. The city would like the Board of Supervisors to abate all taxes and fees associated with this tax certificate. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to abate all taxes and fees and reassign Tax Sale Certificate #17-0243 to the City of Montour upon approval from the City of Montour to abate any taxes owed to them. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Knebel to approve the annual liquor license for Traer Golf & Country Club. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Doland stated that there is a meeting tomorrow, February 10, 2026, at 5:15 pm at the Kid's Corner Daycare in Toledo. He stated that Supervisor Knebel was originally on that board and due to financial struggles the daycare is currently facing, the daycare board has asked for someone from the board of supervisors to attend. Supervisor Hilmer stated that he would attend the Kid's Corner Daycare meeting along with Jake Buchanan and John Hall, from Tama County Economic Development. Supervisor Hilmer will bring a report back to the board of supervisors.

A Tama County resident was present to discuss the Tama County Public Health budget, as well as to discuss additional public health and home health options for the county. No action was taken.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$166,329.33. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Candace Lastovka, Rick Riffle, Lorrie Damman, Dr. Hineman, Richard Arp, LeeAnna Kriegel, Richard Vandermeay, Andrea Dvorak, and Charles Betz. Public comment time closed at 10:43 am.

New Business:

Supervisor Kupka stated he had been in Iowa County this morning to discuss sharing an engineer with them. Supervisor Turner stated the new phones are in and would like to give credit to Dirk Henle, maintenance director, for all his behind the scenes work on the phone project. Supervisor Knebel spoke about attending an economic development meeting and how Jake Buchanan has been hired as Tama County's new economic development director. She also stated that there is a signing ceremony scheduled for tomorrow morning at 8:00 am with economic development. Supervisor Doland spoke about the board of supervisors' role with public health.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 11:15 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.