

Board of Supervisors Minutes
February 16, 2026

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. February 16, 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 Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the agenda. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Mark Kriegel and Gerald Husak. Public comment time closed at 8:37 am.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the February 9th regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kupka gave the road projects report. The Board discussed sharing an interim engineer with Iowa County. The Iowa County engineer, Nick Amelon, was present to introduce himself. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to appoint Nick Amelon, from Iowa County, as the interim Tama County Engineer and authorize the Board Chairman to sign documents. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding GPS location for secondary roads. This will allow for better tracking of county equipment. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to approve the updated GPS location policy and to authorize the Board Chairman to sign documents. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The county received a request from Mark Newberg with Region 6 to release a mortgage due the mortgage being fulfilled. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to release the mortgage and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the documents. Discussion: Turner stated that this is in his district, and he had gone and looked at the property. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Ben Schemmel was present to discuss a tax abatement proposal for the Board to consider. The Board stated they would like to see what the numbers would look like to see what the fiscal impact might be before approving the proposal. Mr. Schemmel stated he would get some numbers and work with economic development and bring more information back to the Board. No action was taken.

The Board had toured the old Tama County Middle School on February 2nd and the Marshall County Jail on February 10th. The Board feels that the old middle school is not financially feasible. The Board would like to look into building onto the current jail if the county is in need of expanding or updating the jail. More research needs to be done before any action can be taken. Turner will

inform the South Tama Superintendent that the county is not interested in the old middle school. No action was taken.

Discussion was held regarding Kids Corner Daycare and the financial struggles it is currently facing. No action was taken.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$171,919.04. Discussion: It was stated that a large amount of this total was for rock and that the county will not be paying to haul rock this year but will be doing it in house. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business:

Supervisor Turner stated there are a few issues being resolved after switching over to the new phone system. He also introduced the new IT Network Engineer, Cory Reynolds, whose first day is today. Supervisor Knebel stated that there had been an economic development signing ceremony last week. Supervisor Kupka stated that all board members had a busy week last week working on county issues and thanked the board. Supervisor Doland stated he had good feedback on the new economic development. He stated Tama County will now have access to resources and have a dedicated Tama County resident to help improve Tama County. Doland also stated he has had a lot of feedback concerning Tama County Public Health.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Jim Smith and Jack Cooper. Public comment time closed at 10:09 am.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Knebel to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 10:09 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.