

**Board of Supervisors Minutes**  
**February 23, 2026**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. February 23, 2026. Present: 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, Sheriff, Casey Schmidt, and members of the public. Absent: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer.

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 Jim Smith and Karen Murty. Public comment time closed at 8:32 am.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to approve the minutes of the February 16<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kupka gave a roads project report. Nick Amelon, interim county engineer, submitted the following resolution to be considered due to poor road conditions in some Tama County areas. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to approve the following resolution. Discussion: None.

**RESOLUTION 2-23-2026A**

**AUTHORIZING WEIGHT EMBARGOES ON SECONDARY ROADS**

WHEREAS, the recent weather conditions have caused soft subgrade and surface conditions to develop on some Secondary Roads; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best public interest and welfare to preserve the road system in the best possible condition; and

WHEREAS, Sections 321.471, 321.472, and 321.473 of the Code of Iowa provide local authorities the right to restrict the weight of vehicles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that an embargo be authorized where necessary on the Secondary Roads System for Tama County. The County Engineer's Office is authorized beginning on February 23, 2026, to restrict gross loads on certain sections of the road system showing extreme distress at the time. The Engineer and Dist. Foreman shall be authorized to restrict all traffic to a 10-ton gross load if necessary and to place temporary signs to comply with Section 321.472

Roll Call Vote: Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 23rd day of February, 2026. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Jody Wallen, Montour City Clerk, was present to ask the supervisors to reassign Tax Certificate #2400406 to the City of Montour. This is for a property next to the city park that burned down and is now a hazard. The city would like to clean up the property and then sell it. The current amount owed is \$5,975.00. \$4,313.00 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 Kupka to abate all taxes and fees and reassign Tax

Sale Certificate #2400406 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.

Jhon Henri-Martinez-Soleno was present to ask the supervisors to reassign Tax Certificates # 17-0232 & #14-0200. The current amount owed for both certificates is \$67,619.00. \$5,616.00 of that is actual taxes, the rest is for interest, special assessments and miscellaneous fees. Jhon would like to offer \$2,808.00, one half the amount of the taxes, and has plans to meet with the City of Tama to ask if they would abate \$42,926.00, the amount of the special assessments. He would like the supervisors to abate the other half of the taxes owed, interest, and miscellaneous fees. Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to reassign Tax Sale Certificates #17-0232 & #14-0200 to Jhon Henri-Martinez-Soleno for \$2,808.00, if the City of Tama will abate the special assessments. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Alyssa Comer, Mary Beth Stevenson, and Paola Trujillo of the Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority, delivered a presentation to the Board regarding the Watershed Management Authority.

The Auditor received notification from the local USDA office stating the county needs to update who is eligible to sign, communicate, or provide information regarding the Tama County Home farm. The Auditor stated that past supervisor, Kendall Jordan, is still listed as an authorized person for the county. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to remove Kendall Jordan as an authorized person to sign, communicate, or provide information regarding the Tama County Home farm and to approve adding Supervisors Curt Hilmer, David Turner, Heather Knebel, Mark Doland, Curt Kupka, and Tama County Auditor, Karen Rohrs, as persons authorized to sign, communicate, or provide information regarding the Tama County Home farm. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Per Iowa Code the Board needs to set a public hearing date for the proposed property tax notice. This is a state requirement to allow residents to see what tax levies are doing for the next fiscal year. Notices will be mailed out to Tama County residents on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Auditor Rohrs recommended the Board set a public hearing date for March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:45 am. This date should allow residents enough time to receive the mailing. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to set the date and time for the proposed property tax notice public hearing for Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:45am. Discussion: There was discussion that since the levy rates decreased from last year the Board felt an evening meeting is not necessary. If the public contacts them requesting an evening meeting, the Board may consider it. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to amend the time to 8:15 am on March 23<sup>rd</sup> for the public hearing since the hearing must be its own meeting and cannot be included in a regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Doland presented a memorandum for the Board's approval to be submitted to the Tama County Board of Health outlining budget guidance for the upcoming fiscal year 2027. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka to approve the memorandum to Tama County Board of Health. Discussion: It was said that this has been a big topic and that the Board is not taking it lightly. Supervisors have reached out to other companies who can and do provide these services in Tama County. The Board does not want to see an interruption in services during the transition. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$93,655.07. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty, Bob Kienzle, Rochelle Fuller, and Lorrie Damman. Public comment time closed at 9:31 am.

New Business:

Supervisor Knebel stated the Tama County Comprehensive Land Use Plan Survey is available to Tama County residents to partake in. The survey is on the Tama County website and hard copies are available at public health and auditor's offices. The deadline to complete the survey is March 31, 2026. Supervisor Turner talked about how he would like to see pay increases based on merit pay and is trying to work towards that system. Turner also gave an IT budget update. Supervisor Doland stated the county had received an application for the county engineer position.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 9:38 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.