

Board of Supervisors Minutes
March 9, 2026

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Knebel stated the board will go into closed session for discussion and possible action per Iowa Code 21.5.1 (c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5.1 (c). Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Kupka, aye. The Board went into closed session at 8:31 am. Those present were Supervisors: Curt Hilmer, Heather Knebel, Curt Kupka, David Turner, and Karen Rohrs, Auditor. Attorney Amy Reasner with Lynch Dallas Legal joined by phone. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to go back into open session. The Board came out of closed session at 9:01am. Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Kupka, aye. Those present were Supervisors: Curt Hilmer, Heather Knebel, Curt Kupka, David Turner, and Karen Rohrs, Auditor. No action taken.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty and Jim Smith. Public comment time closed at 9:07 am.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the minutes of the March 2nd regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kupka gave a roads project report.

In June, the Board appropriated funds to each department for the upcoming FY26. At that time, the Board elected to appropriate 90% of certain departmental budgets, with the understanding that departments could request the remaining 10% if needed. Due to still utilizing a part-time employee in Veterans Affairs/Relief Services, change from part-time to full-time employee status for Mental Health, and an increase to expenditures in District Court, it is now necessary to appropriate the remaining 10% of their budgets for use. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the following resolution to appropriate the remaining 10% of funds for the Veterans Affairs/Relief Services, Mental Health, and District Court departments for FY2026. Discussion: None.

RESOLUTION 3-9-2026A

Authorizing Appropriations to County Officers and Departments for FY2025/2026

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors shall appropriate dollars for all budgetary departments based on Iowa Code 331.433(6);

WHEREAS, appropriations on Budgetary Funds/Departments for FY25/26 are based on the Notice of Public Hearing-Budget Estimate published on April 4, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tama County Board of Supervisors agree to appropriate the rates as attached for each department.

DEPT. #	DEPARTMENT NAME	FY2026 Budgeted Amount	FY2026 APPROPRIATION
21	Veterans Affairs	105,437	105,437
25	Relief/Social Programs	79,630	79,630
31	Court Services	69,000	69,000
60	Mental Health	44,351	44,351
	TOTALS	298,418	298,418

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 9th day of March, 2026. Heather Knebel, Vice-Chairwoman, 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 \$152,393.88. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: There were no comments from the public. Public comment time closed at 9:14 am.

New Business:

Supervisor Turner stated he would like to meet with the county attorney to discuss adding language to service contracts that would allow the county to terminate an agreement before the contract's expiration date. Supervisor Knebel informed everyone that her and Supervisor Kupka had gone to the Farm Bureau meeting last week and had a good discussion regarding county budgets.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Vice-Chairwoman Knebel adjourned the meeting at 9:18 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.