

Tama County Board of Health Special Session Minutes

Monday March 30, 2026 – 12:00 PM

Meeting held at Tama County Annex Building and via Zoom

Members Present:	Micki Ferris	Chris Behrens – via Zoom	Laura Wilson – via Zoom
	Kelly Purk	Jolynn Harger	Richard Arp
	Beth Eberle	Heather Bombei – via Zoom	Stacy Koeppen
	LeeAnna Kriegel	Sherry Parks – via Zoom	

Members Absent: Sally Custer, Sherry Vesely, Curt Hilmer

The meeting was called to order by Sherry Parks, Chairman at 12:10 p.m.

Micki Ferris moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Richard Arp seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

A. Stacy had presented a proposal to the Board of Supervisors this morning to purchase the Home Health part of the Agency for \$20.00. She outlined the research she conducted to evaluate the feasibility of the option and expressed her belief that, if approved, the sale would benefit both patients and the County.

The Transition Plan for Change of Ownership (Government to Private) was distributed to the Board of Health members for review.

The Board of Supervisors held an extensive discussion with Stacy regarding the anticipated transition process. Discussion topics included how patients without insurance coverage would continue to receive care, as well as the potential financial responsibility of the County for those services. Additionally, the Board of Supervisors considered whether the sale would require a public hearing or a sealed bid process.

Much discussion was held with the Board of Health regarding this option. Comments included whether the Board of Supervisors would be willing to continue funding care for individuals without insurance, and how many staff members Stacy might retain if she were to purchase the Home Health division. Members also questioned why the Board of Supervisors would not allow the agency to maintain the status quo for another year, particularly given that revenue has increased since Stacy assumed her role.

Additional questions were raised regarding whether Title 19 patients would continue to be served if the Home Health division were purchased, noting that many private agencies limit the number of these patients due to lower reimbursement rates.

Stacy emphasized that, regardless of the path chosen, strict timelines must be followed. She explained that if the agency chooses to decertify, specific activities must be completed within designated timeframes.

Following discussion, the Board of Health reached a consensus that they would like clearer direction from the Board of Supervisors before making a decision regarding the potential sale of the Home Health division.

Richard Arp stated that, based on the financials, the agency appears to be on track to become self-sufficient and expressed a preference to maintain the current structure for one more year.

Richard Arp made a motion to present a budget to the Board of Supervisors that maintains the status quo for one additional year. Sherry Vesely seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Agenda item is tabled.

C. Agenda item is tabled.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jolynn Harger, Executive/Financial Assistant