

Tama County Board of Health & Board of Supervisor Work Session Minutes

Monday March 30, 2026 – 10:30 AM

Meeting held at Tama County Board of Supervisors Meeting Room

Members Present:	Micki Ferris	David Turner	Curt Hilmer
	Mark Doland – by phone	Jolynn Harger	Richard Arp
	Sherri Vesely	Heather Knebel – by phone	Stacy Koeppen
	Karen Rohrs	Karen Murty	

Members Absent: Curt Kupka (BOS), Sally Custer, Sherry Parks

Stacey Koeppen presented a proposal to the Board of Supervisors to purchase the Home Health portion of Public Health for \$20.00. She explained the research she has conducted to evaluate the feasibility of this option and expressed her belief that, if approved, the sale would be beneficial for both patients and the County.

Stacey noted that this would be a one-time offer, as she currently has two job opportunities under consideration and will need to make a decision that is best for her family. She emphasized that she values her work serving the residents of Tama County and brings extensive experience in home health. She stated she would be willing to move forward with this option if an agreement can be reached.

The Board engaged in an extensive discussion with Koeppen regarding what the transition process would entail. Key points included how patients who do not qualify for insurance coverage would continue to receive care, and the potential financial responsibility of the county for those services. The Board also discussed whether the sale would require a public hearing or a sealed bid process.

Motion 1:

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner, to proceed with selling the in-home care services pending confirmation from legal counsel regarding the appropriate process, with the intent to use sealed bids.

Discussion:

Supervisor Turner expressed support, stating the sale could maintain local services, reduce liability, and address potential Medicare/Medicaid look-back issues, provided the process is legally sound.

Supervisor Doland voiced concern about uncertainty surrounding the legality of the proposal and whether it adequately ensures care for vulnerable patients. He also questioned potential interference with the private sector.

Supervisor Knebel stated she is open to the sale if it is legally compliant, emphasizing the need to protect taxpayer assets and gather additional information.

Vote:

Hilmer – Aye
Turner – Aye
Knebel – Aye
Doland – Nay

Motion carried.

Motion 2:

Motion by Doland, seconded by Turner, to direct the Board of Health to submit:

A transition plan addressing care for individuals without health insurance currently receiving services, and a proposal outlining the anticipated cost to the county and required staffing levels.

Discussion:

Supervisor Knebel asked whether the directive applied only to individuals without insurance.

Supervisor Doland clarified that it would apply to individuals identified by Public Health as needing services.

Vote:

Hilmer – Aye

Turner – Aye

Knebel – Aye

Doland – Aye

Motion carried.

Further discussion took place regarding responsibility for covering costs for individuals who do not qualify for insurance.

Supervisor Doland left the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

The work session adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jolynn Harger, Executive/Financial Assistant