

Board of Supervisors Minutes
April 13, 2026

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. April 13, 2026. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 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. 2nd District Supervisor, David Turner, joined the meeting by Teams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Jim Smith, Jack Cooper, and Karen Murty. Public comment time closed at 8:33 am.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Knebel to approve the minutes of the April 6th regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kupka gave a roads project report. Supervisor Knebel informed the Board that she had been in discussions with Interim County Engineer Nick Amelon regarding K Avenue and dust control measures related to the upcoming construction on Highway 63. The DOT will pay for dust control at intersections and in front of houses.

The engineer's office has received two utility permits from Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC. Interim County Engineer Nick Amelon recommends the Board sign the permits. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to approve the utility permits for Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC and authorize the chairman to sign the utility permits. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The engineer's office also received a utility permit from Farmers Cooperative Telephone Company. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to approve the utility permit for Farmers Cooperative Telephone Company and authorize the chairman to sign the utility permit. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Knebel to approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Hilmer to approve the Recorder's Quarterly Report. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka to approve the Zoning's Quarterly Report. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Laura Wilson, Tama County Weed Commissioner, submitted the following annual weed resolution for the Board to act on. A separate weed notice will also need to be placed in the local papers.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Hilmer to approve the following resolution. Discussion: It was stated that this a normal yearly item.

RESOLUTION 4-13-2026A

NOTICE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS AND TENANTS:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Tama County, Iowa, that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 317 of the Code of Iowa, Chapter 58 of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and Land Stewardship Administrative Code, and amendments thereto; it is hereby ordered:

That each owner and each person in the possession or control of lands in Tama County shall eradicate all Class A noxious weeds and control all Class B noxious weeds, at such time in each year and in such manner as shall prevent said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity. The owner and/or persons responsible for managing any lands shall keep said lands free from the growth of any other weeds that make the streets or highways adjoining said lands unsafe for public travel or may cause harm to agricultural land or natural areas. Control is defined as the prevention of the spread of noxious weeds by limiting the production of reproductive structures.

That noxious weeds from the Iowa Code 317 that are present in Tama County shall be controlled or eradicated as is necessary throughout the growing season. Any landowner with property under CRP contract with the USDA is encouraged to consult with their local office and must abide by contract requirements.

Class A Noxious Weeds for Eradication: Palmer Amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*)

At all times: This Class A Noxious Weed must be eradicated. If it is found on land in Tama County, the owner or manager of said land is encouraged to cooperate with the United States Department of Agriculture. This also may include the department's farm service agency office for that county, the farm service agency's state office, or any other office or official designated by the department.

Class B Noxious Weeds for Control: Canada Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), Leafy Spurge (*Euphorbia esula*), Multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*), European morning glory or field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*), Teasel (*Dipsacus spp.*) biennial, Bull Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), all other species of Thistles belonging in the genus Carduus.

That in case of failure to comply in any order of control of weeds, the commissioner, the deputies, or agents may, subsequent to the time after service of the notice provided for in Section 317.6, enter upon the land and control the weeds or impose a maximum penalty of \$10 per day, up to ten days, that the owner or person responsible for managing the land fails to comply. If a penalty is imposed and the owner or person responsible for managing the land fails to comply, the commissioner shall cause the weeds to be controlled. If the commissioner, the deputies, or the agents enter the land and control the weeds, the actual cost and expense of controlling the weeds, along with the cost of serving notice and special meetings or proceedings, shall be paid by the county and together with the additional assessment to apply toward costs of supervision and administration, be recovered by an assessment against the tract of real estate on which the weeds were growing as provided in Section 317.21. Any fine imposed shall be recovered by a similar assessment.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 13th day of April, 2026. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Salt Creek Wind I (SCWI) has submitted an updated Decommissioning Plan. The plan was prepared by a licensed engineer in Iowa. The updated plan reflects the costs adjusted to decommission the Project in current (2026) dollars, and the new total estimated cost to decommission the Project at the end of its useful life is \$11,268,400.00. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Doland to approve Salt Creek Wind, LLC updated Decommissioning Plan. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to approve the regular claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$218,098.71 and the health fund claim payment in the amount of \$99.45. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business: Supervisor Turner stated he had received the red lines from NinjaOne and had forwarded them to the county attorney. He stated most had been addressed and was pleased with the negotiations. Supervisor Knebel and Hilmer had attended Government Day last week and had good conversations with the students. Stated it was a good experience. Supervisor Hilmer attended the Board of Health meeting last week. Stacy Koeppen, Tama County Public Health Director, has accepted another job. He stated the Board of Health does not want to decertify, but that the nursing staff does want to decertify. Jacob Reineke, Tama County 911 Director, was online to share with the Board that it is National Dispatcher Week. The Board thanked Jacob and his staff for their hard work and dedication.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Nancy Smith and Jacob Buchanan. Public comment time closed at 9:00 am.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 9:01 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.