

**Board of Supervisors Minutes**  
**May 11, 2026**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. May 11, 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.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty and Stacey Zeman. Public comment time closed at 8:31 am.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to approve the minutes of the May 4<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kupka gave a roads project report.

The Board reviewed a HomeBase Iowa application submitted by Hunter Clark. It was discussed that proof of home purchase or a rental agreement within the county is required prior to approval. No action was taken.

Auditor Rohrs stated that some county departments need a budget amendment for this current fiscal year and asked the board to set a public hearing for a budget amendment for Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am. Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to set the public hearing for the FY26 budget amendment for Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

In June of 2025, 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 the day-to-day cost of doing business for the departments listed in the following resolution, it is now necessary to appropriate the remaining 10% of their budgets for use. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve the following resolution to appropriate the remaining 10% of funds for FY2026. Discussion: The Board discussed looking into a policy that will require mileage and cell phone reimbursements to be submitted within a time frame instead of departments waiting until the end of a fiscal year to submit reimbursements. Turner also would like to see cell phone reimbursements discontinued as there is no added fees for an employee to use their personal cell phones as there had been in the past. The Board also discussed that departments need to watch what they are spending money on. With the State limiting budgets, department heads should be careful of what they are purchasing. They should be purchasing needs and not wants.

**RESOLUTION 5-11-2026A**

**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.

<b>DEPT. #</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT NAME</b>	<b>FY2026 Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>FY2026 APPROPRIATION</b>
1	Board of Supervisors	1,817,733	1,817,733
2	Auditor	572,550	572,550
3	Treasurer	683,235	683,235
4	Attorney	596,019	596,019
5	Sheriff	3,854,858	3,854,858
7	Recorder	347,225	347,225
8	Human Resources	37,200	37,200
23	Local Health/Nurses	1,778,108	1,778,108
28	Medical Examiner	44,324	44,324
47	Policy and Administration	88,100	88,100
51	General Services	414,221	414,221
99	Non-Departmental	4,485,398	4,485,398
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>14,718,971</b>	<b>14,718,971</b>

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 11th day of May, 2026. Heather Knebel, Vice-Chairwoman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

The contract the county currently has with Cost Advisory Services is due to expire. Cost Advisory Services has reached out to enter a new 3-year contract. Currently Cost Advisory Services has contracts with 92 Iowa Counties providing services. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve a 3-year contract with Cost Advisory Services and authorize the vice-chairwoman to sign the contract. Discussion: The county attorney has reviewed the contract. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Turner informed the Board that he had been researching what the county currently holds for copier contracts and has reached out to the companies to try and consolidate leases and save money on the leases. He will come back to the Board once he has the final contracts to be acted on. No action was taken.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the regular claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$186,005.26 and health claims for payment in the amount of \$96.90. Discussion: The Board removed the Eide Bailly claim until further information is received from the Sheriff. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business: Supervisor Turner is continuing to work on copier contracts to save the county money. He is also working with the IT Director to fix the denial-of-service issue and the 911

recorder is being worked on. Supervisor Knebel stated she had listened to the economic development meeting and Jake is doing a good job for the county.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty. Public comment time closed at 9:05 am.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Vice-Chairwoman Knebel adjourned the meeting at 9:06 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.

At 10:30 a.m., the Board held a work session with the Sheriff to discuss the jail inspection conducted earlier that morning, as well as the condition of the current jail facility and its future needs.

