

Board of Supervisors Minutes
June 22, 2026

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. June 22, 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. 4th District Supervisor, Mark Doland joined the meeting at 8:34 am.

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 Gerald Husak and Karen Murty. Public comment time closed at 8:36 am.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the June 15th regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the following resolution to authorize the Treasurer to transfer funds as follows. Discussion: None.

RESOLUTION 6-22-2026A
Resolution to Transfer Funds

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tama County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the 2027 fiscal year transfer of funds from Rural Services Fund (0011) to the Secondary Road Fund (0020) as follows:

From the Rural Fund (0011) to the Secondary Road Fund (0020) \$2,283,355*

TOTAL TRANSFER \$2,283,355 *

And authorizes the County Treasurer to transfer a portion of the funds calculated by a percentage each month after the apportionment of property taxes is received by the Rural Services Fund (68.437 percent)** of property tax, not to exceed the limit of the total transfer stated above.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 22nd day of June, 2026. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Supervisor Kupka gave a roads project report.

Curtis Behrens, Tama County Conservation Director, was present to discuss with the Board a transfer of unused funds from his budget into the Land Acquisition Fund for future land purchases, Tama Co. Nature Center Fund for Buildings-Permanent Improvements and Conservation Machinery & Equipment Fund for future motor vehicles.

Prairie Rivers of Iowa RC&D has submitted a General Service Agreement between them and Tama County Economic Development for funding for the Iowa Valley Scenic Byway Audio Tour & App. The Tama County Attorney has reviewed the agreement and has some recommendations of changes. Jake Buchanan, Tama County Economic Director, will take the recommendations back to

Prairie Rivers. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to table the General Service Agreement. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Tama County Council on Aging submitted a General Service Agreement for Board consideration to allow the County to continue providing financial support to the organization. Prior to approval, the Board would like the County Attorney to review the agreement. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve funding for the Tama County Council on Aging for Fiscal Year 2026 while continuing to work toward a service agreement for Fiscal Year 2027. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the following resolution to appropriate funds for the county departments for FY 2027. Discussion: There was discussion on how much to appropriate to public health. Hilmer withdrew his original motion. Hilmer made a new motion to approve the following resolution appropriating 10% to most departments and 50% to public health with 100% being appropriated to a select few departments, seconded by Turner.

RESOLUTION 6-22-2026B

Authorizing Appropriations to County Officers and Departments for FY2026/2027

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 FY26/27 are based on the Notice of Public Hearing-Budget Estimate published on April 10, 2026.

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

DEPT. #	DEPARTMENT NAME	FY2027 Budgeted Amount	FY2027 APPROPRIATION
1	Board of Supervisors	2,242,564	2,018,307
2	Auditor	563,541	507,186
3	Treasurer	706,844	636,159
4	Attorney	611,754	550,578
5	Sheriff	4,106,626	3,695,963
6	Substance Abuse	15,700	14,130
7	Recorder	354,169	318,752
8	Human Resources	25,500	22,950
10	Zoning	38,147	34,332
11	Road Clearance	0	0
12	Safety	0	0
20	Engineer	11,080,293	9,972,263
21	Veterans Affairs	93,613	84,251
22	Conservation	1,204,458	1,084,012
23	Local Health/Nurses	1,076,283	538,141
24	Weed Control	17,160	15,444
25	Relief/Social Programs	67,850	61,065
27	Human Services	4,500	4,050
28	Medical Examiner	62,800	56,520
29	Correctional Services	110,000	99,000

31	Court Services	101,500	91,350
33	Libraries	69,000	69,000
34	Historical Society Grant	17,400	15,660
38	4-H Fair Grant	22,500	22,500
39	Other Social Services	11,375	11,375
40	Drainage District	12,069	12,069
42	Bee Hive Inspection	200	200
44	Township Officers	4,825	4,342
46	Insurance and Bonds	637,000	637,000
47	Policy and Administration	93,600	84,240
48	Ambulance	0	0
51	General Services	455,339	409,805
52	Data Processing	419,633	377,669
60	Mental Health	61,807	55,626
80	County Farm	5,500	4,950
99	Non-Departmental	4,611,401	4,150,260
	TOTALS	\$28,904,951	\$25,265,149

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 22nd day of June, 2026. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Dirk Henle, Tama County Maintenance Supervisor, spoke to the Board at least week's meeting to approve transferring funds to the Capital Projects fund to cover future tuck pointing work and future HVAC needs. Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to approve the following resolution.
Discussion: None.

RESOLUTION 6-22-2026C

Resolution to Transfer Funds

\$20,000.00 from the General Fund (0001) into the Capital Projects Fund (1600) to cover future tuck-pointing expenses in the amount of \$15,000 and future HVAC needs in the amount of \$5,000.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 22nd day of June, 2026. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Supervisor Turner informed the Board of equipment needs for the IT Department. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka to approve \$150,000 in IT equipment purchases. Discussion: It was discussed that these funds will be a combination of capital project funds and ARPA funds. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Turner asked the Board to transfer \$90,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund for data processing unused funds for purchasing future IT equipment. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Hilmer to approve the following resolution. Discussion: None.

RESOLUTION 6-22-2026D

Resolution to Transfer Funds

\$90,000.00 from the General Fund (0001) into the Capital Projects Fund (1600) to cover future IT equipment.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 22nd day of June, 2026. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

At last week's meeting it was approved to have the Tama County Auditor, Tama County Treasurer, Tama County Treasurer Tax Assistant, Tama County Sheriff, and Tama County Chief Deputy Sheriff as signers on the new Be the Example Award and K9 fund accounts with WCF Financial Bank. The bank also requires the names of the county officials to be listed. Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to authorize the following Tama County representatives as signers on the new Be the Example Award and K9 fund accounts with WCF Financial Bank: Tama County Auditor, Karen Rohrs, Tama County Treasurer, Amanda Kriegel, Tama County Treasurer Tax Assistant, Sara Gilbert, Tama County Sheriff, Casey Schmidt, and Tama County Chief Deputy Sheriff, Joe Quandt. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve health claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$144.50. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the regular claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$124,118.95. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business: Supervisor Doland informed the Board that him and Supervisor Knebel have been receiving emails regarding the upkeep of a nuisance property at Union Grove Lake and that residents of the lake want to see a permanent solution. The Sheriff stated he has been working with the County Attorney for a solution. Supervisor Knebel stated she had a Heartland meeting by Zoom last week. Supervisor Doland stated he has a Region 6 meeting coming up. Supervisor Turner stated he has a Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center meeting this Friday.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Roger Wacha, Nancy Smith, and Karen Murty. Public comment time closed at 9:42 am.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 9:42 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.



STATE OF IOWA
KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR

May 15, 2026

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

House File 2490, an Act relating to public meetings and records, including public notice requirements for meetings of a governmental body, supervision and fees associated with examining and copying public records, employment separation information for certain government employees, contractors, or appointees, and injunctions to restrain vexatious requesters.

The above House File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Reynolds".

Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



House File 2490

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS AND RECORDS, INCLUDING PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEETINGS OF A GOVERNMENTAL BODY, SUPERVISION AND FEES ASSOCIATED WITH EXAMINING AND COPYING PUBLIC RECORDS, EMPLOYMENT SEPARATION INFORMATION FOR CERTAIN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, OR APPOINTEES, AND INJUNCTIONS TO RESTRAIN VEXATIOUS REQUESTERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 21.4, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

a. Except as provided in subsection 3, a governmental body shall give notice of the time, date, and place of each meeting, including a reconvened meeting of the governmental body, and the tentative agenda of the meeting, in a manner reasonably calculated to apprise the public of that information.

Reasonable

(1) Giving notice under this paragraph shall include advising all of the following:

(a) Advising the news media who have filed a request for notice with the governmental body and ~~posting.~~

(b) Posting the notice on a bulletin board or other in a prominent and conspicuous place which is easily accessible to the public and clearly designated for that purpose at the principal office of the body holding the meeting, or if no such office exists, at the building in which the meeting is to be held annually designated for such purposes by the governmental body, in a manner such that the notice is visible at all times.

(c) Posting the notice on the primary internet site owned or maintained and regularly updated by the governmental body or other primary internet presence moderated by the governmental body, if applicable.

(2) If a tentative agenda has been posted and is amended within the time frame established in subsection 2, paragraph "a", the governmental body shall mark the agenda "AMENDED" and identify the amended provisions. Upon amendment, the governmental body shall give notice in accordance with subparagraph (1).

Sec. 2. Section 22.3, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

22.3 Supervision — fees.

1. a. The examination and copying of public records shall be done under the supervision of the lawful custodian of the records or the lawful custodian's authorized designee.

b. The lawful custodian shall not require the physical presence of a person requesting or receiving a copy of a public record and shall fulfill requests for a copy of a public record received in writing, by telephone, or by electronic means.

~~Although fulfillment~~

2. a. Fulfillment of a request for a copy of a public record may be contingent upon receipt of payment of reasonable expenses, ~~the~~. The lawful custodian shall make every reasonable effort to provide the public record requested at no cost other than copying costs for a record which takes less than thirty minutes to produce.

b. In the event expenses are necessary, such expenses ~~shall~~ must be reasonable and shall be communicated to the requester upon receipt of the request.

c. A person may contest the reasonableness of the lawful custodian's expenses as provided for in this chapter.

3. The lawful custodian may adopt and enforce reasonable rules regarding the examination and copying of the public records and the protection of the records against damage or disorganization.

4. The lawful custodian shall provide a suitable place location for the examination and copying of the public records, but if it is impracticable to do the examination and copying of the records in the office of the lawful custodian, the person desiring to examine or copy shall pay any necessary expenses of providing a place for the examination and copying.

~~2. All reasonable expenses of the examination and copying shall be paid by the person desiring to examine or copy.~~

5. a. The lawful custodian may charge a reasonable fee for the services of the lawful custodian or the custodian's authorized designee in supervising the examination and copying of the public records. All reasonable expenses of the examination and copying shall be paid by the person desiring to examine or copy the public record.

b. If copy equipment is available at the office of the lawful custodian of any public records, the lawful custodian shall provide any person a reasonable number of copies of any public record in the custody of the office upon the payment of a fee. The fee for the copying service as determined by the lawful custodian shall not exceed the actual cost of providing the service. Actual costs shall include only those reasonable expenses directly attributable to supervising the examination of and making and providing copies of public records. Actual costs shall not include charges for ordinary expenses or costs such as employment benefits, depreciation, maintenance, electricity, or insurance associated with the administration of the office of the lawful custodian.

c. Costs for legal services should only be utilized for the redaction or review of legally protected confidential information. ~~However, a~~

d. A county recorder shall not charge a fee for the examination and copying of public records necessary to complete and file claims for benefits with the Iowa department of veterans affairs or the United States department of veterans affairs.

Sec. 3. Section 22.7, subsection 11, paragraph a, Code 2026, is amended by adding the following new subparagraphs:

NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (6) The last date the individual, who resigned from or was discharged by the government body, performed work or actively carried out essential functions of the position, regardless of whether the information is contained in a written document, contract, agreement, or arrangement.

NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (7) The amount of moneys and public benefits provided to the individual for any continuation of pay, severance, or other compensation or benefits in excess of the amounts owed for work performed by the individual prior to the individual's last day as an employee, contractor, or appointee for the government body, regardless of whether the information is contained in a written document, contract, agreement, or arrangement.

Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 22.8A Injunction to restrain vexatious requester.

1. The district court may grant an injunction restraining the right of a person found to be a vexatious requester to examine public records under section 22.2 from a specific government body, or may impose reasonable limitations on the manner, frequency, or scope of such requests. A hearing shall be held on a request for injunction after reasonable notice, as determined by the court, is given to the person alleged to be a vexatious requester. The government body seeking an injunction shall ensure compliance with the notice requirement. Such an injunction may be issued only if the petition supported by affidavit shows, and if the court finds, all of the following:

a. The requests, considered in totality, would clearly not be in the public interest.

b. The requests, considered in totality, constitute a pattern of vexatious conduct.

c. The continuation of such requests would substantially and irreparably injure the government body's ability to perform the government body's duties or functions.

d. Less restrictive measures under this chapter are inadequate to provide sufficient relief.

2. In an action brought under this section, the court shall

take into account the policy of this chapter that free and open examination of public records is generally in the public interest even though such requests may cause inconvenience or embarrassment to public officials or others. A court may issue an injunction under this section only if the government body seeking the injunction demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that this section authorizes the issuance of the injunction.

3. In determining whether conduct constitutes vexatious conduct under this section, the court may consider any of the following:

a. The number, frequency, timing, scope, and content of public requests.

b. The nature of oral and written communications related to the public requests.

c. Any prior administrative or judicial findings regarding the conduct of the requester.

d. All other relevant circumstances.

4. For purposes of this section:

a. "News media" includes any person who regularly gathers, prepares, photographs, records, writes, edits, reports, or publishes news for monetary consideration.

b. (1) "Vexatious conduct" means a pattern of public records requests that satisfies one or more of the following:

(a) The requests are designed primarily to harass the government body, its officers, or its employees.

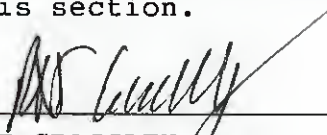
(b) The government body shows by clear and convincing evidence that the requests impose an unreasonable burden on the government body and compliance would substantially interfere with essential governmental operations.

(c) The requests are submitted in a manner or accompanied by communication that constitute harassment of public officers or employees as provided in section 718.4.

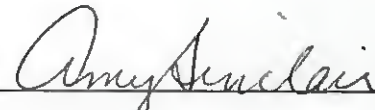
(2) "Vexatious conduct" does not include solely a large volume of requests made by a person or a representative of the news media.

5. Upon finding by a preponderance of the evidence that the requester has not engaged in a pattern of vexatious conduct, a court shall order the payment of all costs and reasonable

attorney fees, including appellate attorney fees, to the requester by the government body in the action brought under this section.

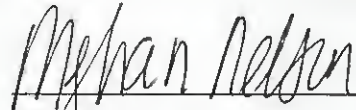


PAT GRASSLEY
Speaker of the House



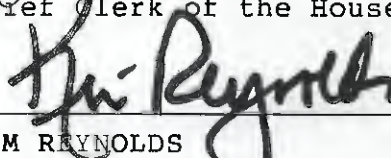
AMY SINCLAIR
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2490, Ninety-first General Assembly.



MEGHAN NELSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 15th, 2026



KIM REYNOLDS
Governor

RESOLUTION 6-29-2026A

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE PLACE AT WHICH NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE TAMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHALL BE POSTED

WHEREAS, the Iowa Legislature has amended Iowa's Open Meetings statute to require every governmental body to designate annually a prominent and conspicuous place for posting notice of its meetings;

WHEREAS, beginning on July 1, 2026, such notice must be visible at all times for at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting for which notice is being given; and

WHEREAS, the Tama County Board of Supervisors has previously adopted Ordinance #V.14 Tama County Board of Supervisors Meeting Rules expressing the Board's commitment to both transparency and public participation in government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR TAMA COUNTY, IOWA:

Section 1. At least one full business day prior to the commencement of each meeting of the Tama County Board of Supervisors from July 6, 2026, through and including January 4, 2027, the Tama County Auditor shall post a meeting agenda, including the time, date, and place of the meeting, on the bulletin board located in the hallway of the Tama County Administration Building, on the glass exterior door on the south side of the Tama County Administration Building, and on the Tama County website (tamacountyiowa.gov) under the supervisors department.

Section 2. At its January 4, 2027, organizational meeting, and at every annual organizational meeting thereafter, the Tama County Board of Supervisors shall designate the place at which notice of its meetings shall be posted for the following year.

RESOLUTION 6-29-2026B

Resolution to Transfer Funds

\$92,000 from the General Fund (0001) into the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund (0027) for future renovation projects and \$5,000 from the General Fund (0001) into the Conservation Machinery & Equipment Fund (2000) for future vehicle replacements.

RESOLUTION 6-29-2026C

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tama County Board of Supervisors hereby approves a re-appropriation of funds as follows:

Auditor (02) \$5,000 to cover increased expenses in Veteran Affairs (21) for \$1,100 and Relief Services (25) for \$3,900.