

Board of Supervisors Minutes
September 14, 2026

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. September 14, 2026. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, David Turner; 3rd District Supervisor, Heather Knebel and 4th District Supervisor, Mark Doland. Also, Tama County Auditor, Karen Rohrs, and members of the public. Absent: 5th District Supervisor, Curt Kupka.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Travis Starr, Karen Murty, and Jim Smith. Public comment time closed at 8:56 am.

Motion by Doland, seconded by Turner to approve the minutes of the September 8th regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Knebel gave a roads project report.

The county has hired Jordan Primus, P.E., as its new county engineer. Primus will start on October 5, 2026. Motion by Doland, seconded by Turner to approve the Employment Agreement between the county and Jordan Primus, P.E. and authorize the Chairwoman to sign the agreement. Discussion: This is a three-year agreement. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Turner gave an IT projects report.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve a temporary liquor license for Lucky Wife Wine Slushies for a Sip & Shop event to be held at the Tama Co. Market on September 20th. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Barb Prather, representing the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, was present to give a presentation to the Board requesting county financial support for the organization's Capacity Campaign. The campaign involves the renovation and expansion of its current facility in Black Hawk County, which serves 16 counties across northeast Iowa, including Tama County.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Doland to approve the regular claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$133,301.39. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business: Supervisor Knebel talked about the Heartland Fall Seminar that she had attended.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty and Jim Smith. Public comment time closed at 9:23 am.

The Board took a brief recess at 9:24 am. The Board came out of recess at 9:30 am.

Knebel stated the board will go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5.(1) (c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Motion by Turner, seconded by Doland to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (c). Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. The Board went into closed session at 9:33 am. Those present were Supervisors: Curt Hilmer, Heather Knebel, Mark Doland, David Turner, Michelle Schroeder, Assistant to the Auditor and Karen Rohrs, Auditor. Attorney Stuart Cochrane and Paul Greufe, HR Consultant, joined by phone. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to go back into open session. The Board came out of closed session at 9:55 am. Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Those present were Supervisors: Curt Hilmer, Heather Knebel, Mark Doland, David Turner, Michelle Schroeder, Assistant to the Auditor and Karen Rohrs, Auditor. Discussion: None. No action was taken.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Doland to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Chairwoman Knebel adjourned the meeting at 9:56 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.