Board of Supervisors Minutes
October 26, 2026

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. October 26, 2026. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, David Turner; 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. Supervisor Turner left the meeting at 9:15 am and joined online.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty. Public comment time closed at 8:35 am.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the October 19th regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Engineer Primus gave a roads project report.

Supervisor Turner gave an IT projects report.

Chad Weaver, Tama County Veteran Affair's Director, introduced Fred Oster, who he would like appointed to the Veteran Affair's Commission. Motion by Turner, seconded by Doland to appoint Fred Oster to the Veteran Affair's Commission to fill the vacancy with his term ending June 30, 2027. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Laura Wilson, Tama County Zoning Director/Weed Commissioner, presented the 2026 County Weed Commissioner's Annual Report. Motion by Turner, seconded by Doland to approve the 2026 County Weed Commissioner's Annual Report and authorize the Chairwoman to sign the report. Discussion: The Board discussed how rain could have caused the noxious weeds to grow more this year. It was discussed that next year the commissioner will work more with Sam from Secondary Roads. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A General Election is being held on November 3, 2026. The Board must hold the official canvass of the General Election on Tuesday, November 10, 2026. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to set the official county canvass of the General Election for Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 8:30 am. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

In Iowa Code 427.9 it states that "The county board of supervisors shall annually send to the department of health and human services the names and social security numbers of persons receiving a tax suspension pursuant to this section". The treasurer informed the Auditor that there are currently three county residents who receive this suspension. Motion by Doland, seconded by Turner to have the auditor, on the Board of Supervisors behalf, send notification to the department

of health and human services the names and social security numbers of the Tama County residents receiving this tax suspension to verify if they are eligible to continue receiving the tax suspension. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The treasurer would like the Board to increase the amount she is able to deposit into the State Bank of Toledo from $15 million to $20 million. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to approve the following resolution. Discussion: This is already a bank that the Treasurer uses and only wants to increase the amount that can be held in it at one time.

RESOLUTION 10-26-2026A

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tama County Board of Supervisors hereby resolves to authorize the County Treasurer to deposit county funds in the following banks and set the amounts as follows:
State Bank of Toledo, Toledo 20,000,000
Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 26th day of October, 2026. Heather Knebel, Chairwoman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to rescind last week's action on the tax refund and to approve a tax refund per Iowa Code 701-100.7 on parcel # 0509176004 in the amount of $865, parcel # 0711151005 in the amount of $671, parcel # 1415379008 in the amount of $3,646, parcel # 0509179001 in the amount of $1,083, parcel # 0911300033 in the amount of $1,757, parcel # 1010300007 in the amount of $4,083, and parcel # 0703377014 in the amount of $1,735 for a total of $13,840 and direct the treasurer to make the refund. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Brian Randall, Tama County Jail Administrator, was present with Chayce Coenen from the Samuels Group to give a presentation of what the process would entail to propose a new jail facility.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Hilmer to approve health claims for payment as presented in the amount of $8,848.00. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Hilmer to approve the regular claims for payment as presented in the amount of $133,372.66. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business: Supervisor Knebel informed the Board that she had attended the Heartland Risk Pool meeting last week. She stated in November there will be a newly elected officials Zoom meeting and she informed the Board that the annual Heartland Holiday meeting is scheduled to be held on December 10th at the Reinig Center.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty, Jessica Roby, and Jim Smith. Public comment time closed at 9:34 am.

Paul Greufe, Tama County Human Resources Consultant, was present to discuss a memo he would like to send to the Secondary Road's Union.

The Board has received initial proposals from the E911 & Sheriff's unions. Motion by Doland, seconded by Turner to accept and file the initial proposals from the E911 & Sheriff's unions.

Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Hilmer to go into exempt session. All voted aye. Motion carried. The Board went into exempt session at 10:20 am for discussion regarding the initial union proposals from E911 & Sheriff's unions. Motion by Doland, seconded by Turner to come out of exempt session. All voted aye. Motion carried. The Board came out of exempt session at 10:52 am. No action was taken.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Chairwoman Knebel adjourned the meeting at 10:53 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.