**Board of Supervisors Minutes**
**November 16, 2026**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. November 16, 2026. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, David Turner; 3rd District Supervisor, Heather Knebel; 4th District Supervisor, Mark Doland. Also, Tama County Auditor, Karen Rohrs, and members of the public. 5th District Supervisor, Curt Kupka, joined by phone.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve the agenda. Discussion: The Board discussed that someone from the public may want to give their comments before the Board going into closed session. Motion by Doland, seconded by Turner to amend the agenda to add a public comment time before approving the minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Doland, seconded by Kupka to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Doug Carlson, Jack Cooper, Jim Smith, and Karen Murty. Public comment time closed at 8:36 am.

Motion by Doland, seconded by Turner to approve the minutes of the November 9th regular meeting and November 10th special meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Engineer Primus gave a roads project report.

Knebel asked the board if they would like to 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 Doland, seconded by Hilmer to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (c). Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. The Board went into closed session at 8:40 am. Those present were Supervisors: Curt Hilmer, Heather Knebel, Mark Doland, David Turner, Jordan Primus, Tama County Engineer, Taylor House, Road Foreman, Michelle Schroeder, Assistant to the Auditor and Karen Rohrs, Auditor. Supervisor Curt Kupka, Attorney, Stuart Cochrane, and Paul Greufe, HR Consultant, joined by phone. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to go back into open session. The Board came out of closed session at 9:04 am. Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Those present were Supervisors: Curt Hilmer, Heather Knebel, Mark Doland, David Turner, Jordan Primus, Tama County Engineer, Taylor House, Road Foreman, Michelle Schroeder, Assistant to the Auditor and Karen Rohrs, Auditor. Supervisor, Curt Kupka, was present by phone. Discussion: None. No action was taken.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Jake Buchanan. Public comment time closed at 9:16 am.

Supervisor Turner gave an IT projects report.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve the regular claims for payment as presented in the amount of $288,657.13. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business: Supervisor Doland stated that Region 6 has scheduled a meeting for some house cleaning. He also discussed holding some budget hearings after working hours to give the public options to attend. Supervisor Turner stated he had attended the Supreme Court meeting that was held at the Wieting Theater last week. He said it was well attended. Supervisor Kupka spoke of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan meeting that he attended last week in Vining. He also informed everyone that concrete will be poured at the landfill this week and he thanked the roads brush crew for their work. Supervisor Knebel also spoke of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan meeting from last week. She also reminded everyone that another Comprehensive Land Use Plan meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, November 18th, at 6:00 pm in the Traer City Council meeting room. The public is encouraged to attend to voice their thoughts. She also attended the Heartland Risk Pool elected official meeting that was held via Zoom last week.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty. Public comment time closed at 9:31 am.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Chairwoman Knebel adjourned the meeting at 9:31 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.