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### **Tama County Board of Supervisors Statement Regarding the State Auditor's Report**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors issues the following statement in response to the recent report released by the Office of the State Auditor of Iowa:

After the 2024 elections—and with a new Board seated at the beginning of January 2025 that subsequently assumed responsibility—the Tama County Board of Supervisors received numerous concerns and complaints from citizens regarding various county operations and processes. In fulfillment of its responsibility to the public, the Board conducted due diligence, reviewed the information provided, and formally turned over all relevant materials to the appropriate authorities. The Board also initiated a meeting with the State Auditor's Office to ensure that every concern brought forward by residents was clearly and transparently conveyed.

Consistent with commitments made during the election and with the Board's ongoing duty to taxpayers, the Tama County Board of Supervisors cooperated fully throughout the State Auditor's review. The Auditor has now completed their work and has submitted the report to the necessary agencies for additional evaluation in accordance with established procedures.

While some findings in the report are troubling and raise significant concern, the citizens of Tama County can rest assured that the Tama County Board of Supervisors has already adopted new policies, safeguards, and oversight practices designed to enhance financial security, promote transparency, and strengthen accountability within county operations.

Tama County Board of Supervisors Chairman, Mark Doland stated, "The report speaks for itself. From the moment we took office in January 2025; our commitment was clear: if citizens brought concerns forward, we would take them seriously and act responsibly. We promised transparency, accountability, and cooperation with oversight authorities, and we have delivered on that promise."

Tama County Board of Supervisors Vice Chairwoman, Heather Knebel said, "Our priority has always been restoring trust and strengthening accountability. The findings in the

Auditor's report are concerning, but they highlight why improved safeguards and oversight were so important. We are committed to responsible governance and due process.”

The Tama County Board of Supervisors has full faith in the oversight agencies now reviewing the matter and affirms its belief in the principles of due process enshrined in our founding documents. The Tama County Board of Supervisors will share additional details with the public if there are further developments.

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