

Board of Supervisors Minutes
June 27, 2022

8:30-9:30 Public Comment Time

Present: Supervisors Vest, Anderson. Tama County Auditor Laura Kopsa, several members of the Tama County Against Wind Turbines Coalition. Deputy Sheriff Trevor Killian was present. Sheriff Dennis Kucera joined later. The group spoke with the Supervisors for the entirety of the public comment time. Representatives of the group were Richard Arp, Janet Wilson and Jon Winkelpleck. The group voiced concerns about public safety regarding the 10 concrete mud pads already in place for the Salt Creek Wind project that are unfenced and filling with water. Has anyone from the County been checking these? They shared their concerns that the Zoning Administrator and the County Attorney have not been present at any of these meetings. Sheriff Kucera shared that the County Attorney is a criminal attorney not a civil attorney. They asked if the County has a Comprehensive Development Plan. They would also like productive agricultural land to be protected from being used for industrial projects. They believe the County's ordinance is weak and would like it to be stronger. They also had questions and comments on how much the civil attorney through the Heartland Risk Pool is being paid. They would still like the Supervisors to vote for a moratorium on any future projects in Tama County until research and fact finding can be done in regard to light, sound and wildlife repercussions, They would like changes made to the zoning ordinance in regulating these projects. The public comments ended at 9:24. The Supervisors had no comment to the group. The detailed notes are available in the County Auditor's office.

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 9:30 a.m. June 27, 2022. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Larry Vest; 2nd District Supervisor, Bill Faircloth, by phone, and 3rd District Supervisor, Dan Anderson.

Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to approve the minutes of the June 20th regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

The Board met with Lyle Brehm, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report. He presented a speed limit resolution for QQ Avenue near Traer. Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 6/27/2022A

RESOLUTION FOR ESTABLISHING A SPEED LIMIT

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of Iowa Code Sections 321.255 and 321.285 to determine the speed limit of any secondary road is greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing, and may determine and declare a reasonable and proper speed limit, and

WHEREAS, the current closure of US63 from IA96 to Traer has caused increased traffic on QQ Avenue in this area,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the speed limit is established effective immediately and terminating upon the reopening of US63 from IA96 to Traer, and appropriate signs shall be erected at the location described as follows;

35 mph on QQ Avenue commencing at E29 and proceeding north to IA8.

Roll call vote: Vest, Aye. Faircloth, Aye. Anderson, Aye. Resolution passed and approved this 27th day of June, 2022. Dan Anderson, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, Tama County Auditor.

The Board met with Amanda Kriegel, County Treasurer, to discuss re-assigning Tax Sale Certificates # 17-0235 on Parcel # 0509403008, # 17-0236 on Parcel # 0509403005, and # 17-0237 on Parcel # 0509403006 to him. The current amount owed is \$12,067.00. This includes the \$30 certificate fees. Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to assign Tax Sale Certificates # 17-0235 on Parcel # 0509403008, # 17-0236 on Parcel # 0509403005, and # 17-0237 on Parcel # 0509403006 to James Sherrill for \$12,067.00. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board received notice on June 23, 2022, that a lawsuit has been brought against them by Richard Arp. Legal council will be needed for this lawsuit. Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to hire Carlton Salmons of Heartland Risk Pool to represent the Board in this lawsuit. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to change next week's meeting to **Tuesday July 5th** due to the Fourth of July Holiday. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Stephen Mayne, Conservation Director, requested a transfer of \$20,000.00 from the General Fund (0001) into the Machinery/Motor Vehicle Fund (2000) and a transfer of any leftover funds in his budget be transferred into the LAD account. These are transfers that are done every year. The LAD transfer will be for an amount to be determined at the end of Fiscal Year 2022, based on claims paid and camp fees collected until then. Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to approve the following resolution to transfer funds:

RESOLUTION 6-27-2022B

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tama County Board of Supervisors approve a transfer of \$20,000.00 from the General Fund (0001) into the Machinery/Motor Vehicle Fund (2000) and a transfer from the General Basic Fund (0001) to the Land Acquisition and Development Fund (LAD) (0027) as requested by the Tama County Conservation Board. The amount to be transferred will be determined after the claims are paid on June 27, 2022 and camp fees collected until the end of the fiscal year. This is an annual transfer.

Roll Call Vote: Vest, aye. Faircloth, aye. Anderson, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 27th day of June 2022. Dan Anderson, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, Tama County Auditor.

Tom Swierczewski from Conifer Power Company was present to discuss the Salt Creek Wind project in Tama County. He is not here to answer questions, just wanted to share some things. He stated he has attended all of the Supervisors meetings since April 25th. He has remained silent to allow the public to share their concerns with the Supervisors. Once this project is built there will be an economic boost for the county. He addressed some of the concerns he has heard the coalition bring up. He stated that they try not to build where there may be interference with a 911 communication system, if a conflict is caused they will correct as swiftly as they can with no costs to the county. As a business on the verge of investing \$300 million in rural Tama County they are highly interested in first rate emergency services. The concrete mud pads/holes are not pools. They are not that deep. They are similar to creeks and streams already in the area. They are working with zoning and property owners on this issue. They have an office in Toledo at 203 West High Street so they are available to the public. He is not from out of state as brought up earlier by the group. They will be holding a telephone teleconference (town hall) on June 28th at 7 pm that anyone can

join and gave the information to get on the meeting with. They will be hosting several of these over the next few months. Conifer Power has hired an economist to conduct an analysis of Salt Creek Wind, Phase 1. The report will be final in a week and be shared with the Board of Supervisors and it will be available to the public. He also shared that they have attempted to schedule a meeting with this group or any of them individually a few times and were declined. He would like them to know that this is still an open offer. Mr. Arp stated that they want changes to the ordinances and the group does not feel Conifer has the authority to make those changes. Sees no need to meet with Conifer. Mr. Winkelpleck stated they want to update and strengthen the ordinances of Tama County.

Dirk Henle, Tama County General Maintenance Supervisor, was present to discuss hiring USIC, a locating company, to locate fiber within the county whenever a resident calls to request permission to dig. The Board agreed to hire an outside company to locate county fiber. Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to hire USIC to locate county fiber. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to approve the following resolution to authorize the Treasurer to transfer funds as follows:

RESOLUTION 6-27-2022C

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tama County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the 2023 fiscal year transfer of funds from General Basic Fund (0001) and Rural Services Fund (0011) to the Secondary Road Fund (0020) as follows:

From the General Fund (0001) to the Secondary Road Fund (0020)	\$ 198,405
From the Rural Fund (0011) to the Secondary Road Fund (0020)	\$2,608,675
TOTAL TRANSFER	\$ 2,807,080

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 General Fund (4.904 percent) and Rural Services Fund (98.327 percent) of property tax, not to exceed the limit of the total transfer stated above.

Roll Call Vote: Vest, aye. Faircloth, aye. Anderson, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 27th day of June 2022. Dan Anderson, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, Tama County Auditor.

The Board met with Tammy Wise, HR/Insurance Administrator, She presented a County Catastrophic Sick Leave Bank Policy. Tabled until a future meeting.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to change next week's meeting to **Tuesday** July 5th due to the 4th of July holiday. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to approve the claims for payment as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting 10:08 a.m.