

**Board of Supervisors Minutes
October 31, 2022**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. October 31, 2022. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Larry Vest; 2nd District Supervisor, Bill Faircloth and 3rd District Supervisor, Dan Anderson.

8:30 – 9:00 Employee/Department Head Time

9:00-9:30 Public Comment Time The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Supervisors Vest, Faircloth, Anderson. Tama County Auditor Laura Kopsa, several members of the Tama County Against Wind Turbines Coalition. Deputy Sheriff Killian was also present. Supervisor Vest started by saying that there were recent letters to the editor in last week's local newspaper that talk about nepotism in a county office. He stated for the record that that is not true, that the Supervisors appointed someone to that position who had the qualifications and desire to fill the vacant position. This person had also taken out nominations papers for the position and was on the Primary ballot in June. Laura Wilson spoke for Tama County Against Wind Turbines. She talked about the impact turbines have on bats, raptors and other living things. She said there needs to be something in place to protect them. She would like tougher ordinances be put in place. There was discussion about the need for fire suppression equipment on turbines. There was also discussion on the need to update the current Wind Energy Ordinance.

The detailed notes are available in the County Auditor's office.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to approve the minutes of the October 24th regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

Lyle Brehm, Tama County Engineer, was in earlier to give a road projects report.

He asked the Supervisors to approve a contact for work on a bridge on K Avenue in Columbia Township. The low bidder was Peterson Contractors, Inc (PCI), Reinbeck in the amount of \$685,341.17. Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to approve Contract #86-CO86-099, Project #BROS-SWAP-CO86(99)- - SE-86 for bridgework on K Avenue in Columbia Township and also to direct the Auditor to sign the contract documents upon their return from the contractor. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to approve a liquor license for The Thirsty Pig, LLC at Pilgrim Heights Camp, rural Montour. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Amanda Kriegel, Treasurer, has advised the Supervisors of a name change for one of the banks the County has funds in. Great Western Bank, Gladbrook, is now known as First Interstate Bank. Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to approve the following depository resolution and name change:

RESOLUTION 10-31-2022A

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 amount as follows:

WCF Financial Bank	Tama	\$5,000,000	
First Interstate Bank (formerly Great Western Bank)	Gladbrook	\$2,000,000	

Roll Call Vote: Vest, aye. Faircloth, aye. Anderson, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 31st day of October, 2022. Dan Anderson, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Laura Kopsa, County Auditor.

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

At 9:37 Chairman Anderson recessed the meeting until 10:00am.

At 10:00 am the Supervisors returned to open session. Present were: Supervisors Vest, Faircloth and Anderson, Auditor Laura Kopsa, Assistant Auditor Karen Rohrs and several members of the public. There was a motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (c) for discussion with their attorney on the progress of the Arp and Knebel cases. Roll call vote: Vest, aye; Faircloth, aye; Anderson, aye. All voted aye. Motion carried. The Board went into closed session at 10:02 a.m. Those present were Supervisors: Larry Vest, Bill Faircloth, Dan Anderson; Laura Kopsa, Auditor, Karen Rohrs, Assistant to the Auditor, and Carlton Salmons, Attorney, by phone. The Board came out of closed session at 10:30 a.m. Those present were Larry Vest, Bill Faircloth, Dan Anderson, Laura Kopsa, Auditor, Karen Rohrs, Assistant Auditor. Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to go back into open session. No action was taken.

Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.