

**Board of Supervisors Minutes
December 12, 2022**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. December 12, 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. Richard Arp spoke on behalf of Tama County Against Turbines. He stated they were here to educate and inform. He feels the Zoning Commission should be commended for meeting and listening to the citizens and trying to make changes to the current ordinance. They are performing their duties correctly and according to Iowa Code 335.8. Jim Smith referenced the current public hearing the Zoning Commission held. There were many local citizens present who shared their thoughts on the subject. There was discussion of a letter sent to the Iowa Board of Utilities in 2020 by the Supervisors. Some of the group feels that when the turbines were being discussed it wasn't out in the open. Chairman Anderson stated they were discussed in 2020 at open meetings and at zoom meetings. Bob Vokoun stated that it is not up to this group to tell people what to do with their land. He also stated that the turbine company has tried various times to meet with this group and give them the facts and answer their questions but you don't want to hear them or argue with them that they aren't true and spread misinformation.

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

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to approve the minutes of the December 5th regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

The Board met with Lyle Brehm, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report.

Tammy Wise, HR/Insurance Administrator, shared a proposed GPS policy. The Supervisors will look it over and take action next week on it. She has the County's IT person reviewing a cyber security product.

The Board met with Dave Forbes a member of the Tama County Compensation Board. This Board meets, discusses and recommends compensation for the elected officials of the county. Each elected official designates someone to represent them on this board, with the supervisors having 2 representatives. Last year there was a legislative change (Senate File 342, p. 31) that states the Compensation Board is to set the Sheriff's salary so that it is comparable to salaries paid to professional law enforcement administrators and command officers of the State Patrol, Division of Criminal Investigation of the Department of Public Safety and city police agencies in this state. He stated they had talked last year about a 15% raise for the sheriff last year and this year due to the new legislation. He also stated the group took into consideration the 8.9% increase in social security payments. The Compensation Board met December 6th and their recommendation for elected officials for the upcoming fiscal year is 13% for the Sheriff and 8% for all other elected officials which are the Attorney, Auditor, Recorder, Treasurer and Supervisors. No action taken.

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

Bernie Lowe from North Risk Partners was present to give an insurance update.

Chairman Anderson left at 10:25.

Vice chairman Faircloth adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.