

**Board of Supervisors Minutes**  
**January 9, 2023**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. January 9, 2023. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 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 Hilmer, Faircloth, Anderson. Tama County Auditor Laura Kopsa, several members of the Tama County Against Wind Turbines Coalition. Deputy Sheriff Killian was also present. Jim Smith Spoke on behalf of Tama County Against Turbines. In Iowa drainage tile is a big part of crop production. The equipment used to put up the turbines crushes and cuts through these tiles and compacts the soil. The cranes weigh 1.2 million pounds. They leave thirty foot wide tracks that allow water to pool in them. This all decreases crop production for years. It is dangerous for tilers to trench in a field where there are underground electrical lines, if dug up it can kill the tiler. We also need greater setbacks for turbines, they need to be at least 2,000 feet or four times the total turbine height with the blades fully extended, whichever is greater. Supervisor Hilmer stated that you have your hearts in the right place, we are all here to make the county better. We have to consider the legalities of this. There is a current project started, we can't make any changes until it is done. The County will be sued and lose according to our lawyer. We the Supervisors are willing to work on changes when the current project is done. Richard Arp shared that they have met with Salt Creek and plan to again. He would like the Supervisors and Zoning to attend with them to work on this.

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

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the corrected minutes of the January 2nd organizational meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

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

There was discussion of the Compensation Board's recommendation for salaries for elected officials. Their recommendation was 13% for the Sheriff and 8% for all other elected officials. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to accept the Compensation Board's recommendations as presented and set raises for non-union, non-elected employees at 7%. All voted aye. Motion carried.

It was missed at last week's organizational meeting to appoint someone as the Heartland Risk Pool Insurance County Trustee and alternate. Chairman Faircloth appointed Dan Anderson as the Trustee and Curt Hilmer as the alternate.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to appoint Casey Schmidt, Dysart, to the Board of Health. This term will run through 2025. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the Auditor's Quarterly Report. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Faircloth adjourned the meeting at 9:38 a.m.