

Board of Supervisors Minutes
January 16, 2023

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. January 16, 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. Heather Knebel spoke on behalf of Tama County Against Turbines. She started with a Martin Luther King Jr. quote “The time is always right to do what is right.” She stated the group knows the Supervisors have been advised by their attorney not to talk or act on anything regarding the turbines while a project is going on. So let’s talk about solar. The group would like the Supervisors to start working on an industrial solar ordinance, the County currently has one for private use in rural areas. The group stated that some of them and their neighbors have been approached by a big solar company. The Supervisors stated they have not been contacted by them yet and until then nothing can happen. The group would just like to get discussion and research on this subject done and in place before that happens. They said Butler County has recently passed one that is very good and would like the Supervisors to look at it. The Supervisors stated they will discuss and look at it in the future but will not act on a solar moratorium at this time. There was also discussion about getting the open seat on the Zoning Board filled so they can meet. The detailed notes are available in the County Auditor’s office.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the January 9th 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, asked the Supervisors to approve the Transfer of Sick Leave to Sick Leave Bank for Catastrophic Events Policy. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to approve the Tama County Transfer of Sick Leave to Sick Leave Bank for Catastrophic Events Policy. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Transfer of Sick Leave to Sick Leave Bank for Catastrophic
Events

Upon approval by the Department Head, Human Resources Department and the Board of Supervisors, an employee can voluntarily transfer unused sick leave to the Sick Leave Bank to be used by another employee who has experienced a catastrophic event and has exhausted all available leave.

You may only donate 80 hours of sick leave in one calendar year.

Transfers are strictly voluntary and will be removed from your sick leave totals in the next pay period.

Request for hours from the Sick Leave Bank for Catastrophic Events

The following criteria must be met:

1. Paid leave (applicable to event) is exhausted
2. A catastrophic event has occurred.
3. A request for donations must be done prior to requesting sick leave from the Sick Leave Bank.
4. Eligibility will be determined on a case-by-case basis and no case will set precedent. If you are eligible your transfer will be kept confidential.

Conservation Director, Stephen Mayne, was present and answered questions about the lake restoration. He stated the project is about 80-85% done with Phase Three, the final phase. This includes dredging of the lake which they will be finishing in February. They will be having camping in the spring and the playground equipment that was removed for the renovation will be replaced. They are planning a grand opening in the summer.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to approve the Sheriff's FY22 Report and the Sheriff's Quarterly Report. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to accept the FY22 Tama County Audit as done by Bowman & Miller, P.C., Marshalltown. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to set the canvas for the District 1 Drainage District Election Held on January 14th for Monday January 23rd at 8:15 am. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to appoint Steve Kenkel, Toledo, to the Conservation Board. This term is for 5 years. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Faircloth adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.