

**Board of Supervisors Minutes**  
**May 22, 2023**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. May 22, 2023. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, Bill Faircloth and 3rd District Supervisor, Dan Anderson, was present on the phone.

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, Assistant Auditor, Karen Rohrs, several members of the public. Deputy Sheriff Killian was also present. Heather Knebel spoke and asked the Supervisors to consider a moratorium on wind turbines and an update to the current wind ordinance. Janet Wilson shared that Woodbury County is updating the setbacks in their wind ordinance to two miles. She is for this in Tama County also, this would address the shadow flicker, noise and safety issues she has with the current ordinance. Lynn Cizek stated that there has been a wind turbine easement filed/recorded on Highway 8 by Traer by an absent landowner. She feels this should not be allowed if the owner doesn't actually live in the county. Richard Arp asked why the County Attorney has not been involved in any of the litigation going on this past year. Laura Wilson asked the Supervisors when they say they will take comments under consideration, when will you do this? How do you do this? Will it be shared at a public meeting? Also, please consider installing microphones and speakers in this room. She would also like the Supervisors to consider calling in at 9 for public comments when they are out of town and calling in for meetings.

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

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes of the May 15th regular meeting and the May 9<sup>th</sup> solar meeting (copies available in the Auditor's office). All voted aye. Motion carried

The Board met with Ben Daleske, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report.

The Engineer asked the Supervisors to approve temporary changes to the Local No. 886 United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (representing the Secondary Road Employees) Union Agreement regarding summer hours. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to make the following temporary changes to the Local No. 886 United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America Union Agreement:

The Tama County Board of Supervisors and Local No. 886, United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America (the Union representing the Secondary Road Employees, or UE for short) agree to temporary changes to the Bargaining Agreement as follows:

1. Beginning Monday, June 5, 2023, the work week will be Monday thru Thursday from 6:00 am to 12:00 pm and 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm.
2. Overtime will be paid after ten hours.
3. A full day of leave taken by employees will consume 10 hours from the appropriate leave balance. A day of Funeral Leave or a Floating Holiday will still be considered as 8 hours. Other appropriate types of leave may be used in conjunction with Funeral Leave or Floating Holiday to complete the 10-hour day.

4. During the week of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, employees shall work three (3) days for ten (10) hours and will use two (2) hours of either vacation or compensatory time. Employees will also be allowed the option of receiving no pay for the two (2) hours.
5. Normal hours of Monday thru Friday 7:00 am to 12:00 pm and 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm will resume on Monday, September 4, 2023 (Labor Day).
6. The following classification will be excluded from this change:
  - Construction Technicians

All voted aye. Motion carried.

Engineer Daleske also discussed a possible road classification change for a portion of 340<sup>th</sup> Street. Due to Highway 21 being closed for construction, the traffic on 340<sup>th</sup> Street has increased. There is a 15 ton bridge on that road. The County is repairing some bridge deck due to the increased traffic. A landowner has approached the Engineer about putting some rock on this road. Upon investigation that road is classified as a Level B and the County doesn't put rock on those per the Road Improvement Request Policy. The requesting land owner would be responsible for the cost of any improvements over \$5,000 by the county and all rock placed on the road. The estimate to rock this road is \$22,000. Since this road is a Level B road the Engineer is reluctant to put rock on it due to the terms of the Road Improvement Request Policy and the road's classification unless the landowner wants to pay the difference or the Engineer and Supervisors decide to change the road to a Class A Road. The Engineer will contact the landowner. Item tabled for today.

Janet Kucera was present to visit with the Supervisors about donating a bench for the courthouse lawn. The donation is from the 1958-1962 classes of the Toledo High School. She will coordinate this with the Courthouse Maintenance staff. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to graciously accept this donation. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to change next week's meeting to **Tuesday May 30<sup>th</sup>** due to the Memorial Day holiday. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board has received a request for the use of the courthouse lawn for bible reading. This has been done in the past. The dates requested for this are June 26<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> from 8 am until 5 pm and July 7<sup>th</sup> from 7 am until 8:30 am. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to allow the courthouse lawn to be used for bible reading June 26 through June 30 and July 7<sup>th</sup>. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to set the levy for Drainage District 1 at 24% for 2023. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board met with Katherine Ollendieck, Economic Development Director, was present and asked them to set up hearings for a RAGBRAI ordinance. Tama-Toledo is set to be an overnight stay for the riders on Thursday July 27<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to set up three public hearings for proposed RAGBRAI Ordinance V.13 on June 12, 19 and 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Board of Supervisors meeting room. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Tammy Wise, HR/Insurance Administrator, visited with the Supervisors about the possible need to address employees working and offices being open on July 27 and 28. The Courthouse square will be blocked off for traffic on three sides making it very difficult for the public to get to the county offices and the influx of possibly 27,000 people. The Supervisors took this under advisement at this time and may act on it at a future date.

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 10:03 a.m.