

Board of Supervisors Minutes
July 10, 2023

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. July 10, 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

9:00-9:15 Public Comment Time The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present: Supervisors Hilmer, Faircloth, Anderson. Tama County Auditor Laura Kopsa, several members of the public. Deputy Sheriff Killian was also present. There were comments regarding how the meeting with the Board of Health went and suggested actions to remedy some of it. The need for a sign in sheet for public comments was discussed along with the drought situation.

9:15 – 9:30 Public Comment on Agenda Items

There were several comments on changing the public comments to agenda items only, where the Supervisors are at in filling the vacancies in Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment and the Zoning Administrator/Weed position.

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

9:30 Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the July 3rd regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

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

Chris Smith was present to ask the Supervisors to re-assign Tax Sale Certificates #14-0198 & 14-0199 to him and abate half of the taxes and all of the penalties and interest. The City of Tama has already agreed to this. The County has had these properties on Tax Sale Certificates since 2014. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to re-assign Tax Sale Certificates #14-0198 & #14-0199 to Chris Smith and abate one half of the property taxes and all of the penalties and interest. This makes the amount due \$827.00 and will get the property back on the tax rolls. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to approve the Homestead Military Credit list additions and deletions as provided by the Tama County Assessor. This list also contained the new Homestead Exemption for homeowners over the age of 65. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to appoint Wesley Ray, Tama County Assessor, as the interim Zoning Administrator until a new one can be hired. This is due to the retirement of outgoing Administrator Todd Apfel. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer Amanda Kriegel was present and shared with the Supervisors that a property that had suspended taxes has recently been sold. She would like the Supervisors to release the suspension on the taxes. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to release the tax suspension on Parcel #13-21-378-006 for Terry Smith now owned by Tim Sawyer. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Amanda Kriegel, Treasurer, was present and asked the Supervisors to sign a letter authorizing her to deposit money from the departments into the general County account at Lincoln Savings Bank.

This is due to the change of banks for County funds. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve and sign a letter authorizing the Treasurer to deposit funds for all departments to the Lincoln Savings Bank. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Faircloth stated he would like to make a change to the Public Comments Policy. He proposes to eliminate the open public comments. Members of the public can approach the Supervisors by email, phone or in person. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Faircloth to change the Public Comment Policy and make it for comments on agenda items only. The Supervisors are still available individually to the public by various means. Anderson and Faircloth voted aye. Hilmer voted nay. Motion carried. There was much discussion from the public on this new policy.

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 10:00 a.m.