

Board of Supervisors Minutes
August 26, 2024

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. August 26, 2024. Present: 2nd District Supervisor, Bill Faircloth and 3rd District Supervisor, Dan Anderson. Absent: 1st District Supervisor Curt Hilmer. Also present, Tama County Assistant Auditor Karen Rohrs, members of the public and Deputy Sheriff Schmidt.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to approve the agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: There were public questions and concerns regarding the EMS tax levy being proposed to the public. A question was also raised to Bob Vokoun the Tama County Zoning/Weed Commissioner about the wind project building permits.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes of the August 19th regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Tammy Wise, HR/Insurance Administrator, presented a Tama County Safety Glasses Program for the board to approve to make it standard county wide. Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to approve the Tama County Safety Glasses Program. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Tammy Wise, HR/Insurance Administrator, also presented updates to the Public Safety Telecommunicator pay scale. Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to approve the updates to the Public Safety Telecommunicator pay scale. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Tammy Wise, HR/Insurance Administrator, stated there had been one applicant for the Conservation Board vacancy, Danielle Dunning. Danielle has previous experience working with a board and budgets. Tammy recommends the board appoint Danielle to the Conservation Board. Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to appoint Danielle Dunning to the Tama County Conservation Board. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Tammy Wise, HR/Insurance Administrator, also asked the board to set up public hearings to amend Ordinance #II.3 to amend language on page 2, section 1, a.

New language: Section 1.

a. Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 22.1(2), the person designated on behalf of Tama, County to receive all requests for examination and copying of public records shall be the elected Tama County officer currently in physical possession of the public record or the elected Tama County officer who appointed the Tama County officer in possession of the public record.

Old language:

Section 1.

a. ——— Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 22.1(2), the person designated on behalf of Tama County to receive all requests for examination and copying of public records shall be the Tama County Attorney.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to set up three public hearings for proposed language amendment to Ordinance #II.3 on September 16th, 23rd and 30th at 8:50 am in the Board of Supervisors meeting room. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to change next week's meeting to **Tuesday September 3rd** due to the Labor Day holiday. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On August 15, 2024, the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Essential Services Advisory Council voted to recommend to the Tama County Board of Supervisors to approve imposing a voter-approved EMS tax levy in the amount of seventy-five cents (\$.75) per one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) Pursuant to Iowa Code 422D. Tama County EMS Services include 7 transporting ambulances and 2 First Responder units. Julie Scadden, from the EMS Essential Services Advisory Council, provided the language they would like on the upcoming November election. Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to approve the following resolution, Imposing a Voter-Approved EMS Tax Pursuant to Iowa Code 422D.

RESOLUTION 8-26-2024A
RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS TO
SUBMIT THE QUESTION OF ADOPTING A LEVY AND IMPOSING A VOTER-
APPROVED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) AD VALOREM PROPERTY
TAX PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE CHAPTER 422D.

WHEREAS, Tama County Board of Supervisors declared Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to be an essential Service in Tama county, pursuant to Resolution 5-20-2024A, adopted on May 20, 2024, recognizing that EMS is essential to the preservation health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Tama County; and

WHEREAS, the Tama County Board of Supervisors appointed the Tama County EMS Essential Services Advisory Council to evaluate the current State of EMS and estimate projections on the future state of EMS in Tama County; and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2024, the Advisory Council reported to the Board of Supervisors the total county wide deficit for EMS over the next 15 years and recommended a priority list of needs for all services requiring additional funding through an ad valorem tax pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 422D; and

WHEREAS, the Tama County Board of Supervisors is in receipt of a recommendation from the Tama County EMS Essential Services Advisory Council, which recommends funding at a level of Seventy-five Cents (\$.75) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), of assessed value on all taxable property within Tama County for a period of fifteen (15) years and said recommendation is on file with the Tama County Board of Supervisors, and has been examined by the Tama County Board of Supervisors, who have determined that it otherwise complies with Iowa Code Section 422D.1(2)(c).

WHEREAS, the question for the imposition of the ad valorem property tax or any other proposal incorporating any portion of it has not or will not be submitted to the qualified electors of Tama County, Iowa, for a period of at least sixty days subsequent to the publication of the notice of the question, so as to comply with Iowa Code Section 422D.1(3)(a).

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Tama County Board of Supervisors to issue raise the ad valorem property tax raise funds for emergency medical services.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE TAMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That an election is called of the qualified electors of Tama County, Iowa on Tuesday, (November 5, 2024) The following Proposition is approved, and the Auditor is authorized and directed to submit and file the Proposition for the Ballot with the Tama County Commissioner of Elections at least 60 days prior to the election.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED?
PROPOSITION

YES

NO

Shall the Tama County Board of Supervisors, upon recommendation by the Tama County EMS Essential Services Advisory Council, for the purpose of augmenting the funding for Emergency Medical Services in Tama County including, but not limited to, ambulance services, first responder services, personnel, training and equipment be authorized, for a period of fifteen (15) years, to levy and impose an ad valorem tax not exceeding Seventy-five Cents (\$.75) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation on all taxable property within Tama County commencing with the levy of property taxes for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025?

[END BALLOT LANGUAGE]

Section 2. That the notice of the election and ballot form used at the election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Rules.

Section 3. That the Election Board for the Voting Precinct or precincts be appointed by the County Commissioner of Elections for each County conducting an election, not less than 15 days before the election.

Section 4. The Commissioner of Elections for each County conducting an election is requested and directed to make publication of the Notice of Election at least once, not less than four days nor more than twenty days prior to the election, in a newspaper that meets the requirements of Section 49.53(2), Code of Iowa.

Section 5. Tama County, Iowa is the Controlling County for this election

Section 6. That the County Commissioner of Elections for the County conducting an election shall prepare all ballots and election registers and other supplies necessary for the proper and legal conduct of this election.

Section 7. That the Auditor is directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution in the Office of the County Commissioner of Elections of the Controlling County to constitute the "written notice" to the County Commissioner of Elections of the election date, required to be given by the governing body under the provisions of Chapter 422D, Code of Iowa.

HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Tama County on this 26th day of August, 2024. Roll call vote: Faircloth, aye. Anderson, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 26th day of August, 2024. Dan Anderson, Vice-Chairman, Tama County Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, Assistant Tama County Auditor.

Vice-Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 8:57 a.m