

**Board of Supervisors Minutes**  
**June 16, 2025**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. June 16, 2025. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, David Turner; 3rd District Supervisor, Heather Knebel; 4th District Supervisor, Mark Doland and 5th District Supervisor, Curt Kupka. Also, Tama County Auditor, Karen Rohrs, members of the public, and Detective Killian.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the agenda. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Kris Wurr and Karen Murty. Public comment time closed at 8:35 am.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka to approve the minutes of the June 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board met with Ben Daleske, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report. Daleske also informed the Board that interviews had been held for the open bridge crew laborer position. He recommends the Board approve hiring Layne Hess. His start day will be 06/23/25 and starting wage of \$26.29 per hour. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve hiring Layne Hess to the open bridge crew laborer position. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Becky Brown and Deb Williams from Together We Can was present to discuss peer-led support specialist partnership in Mental Health Recovery with the Board.

The Board has received the completed Tama County cost allocation plan prepared by Cost Advisory Services, Inc. Turner stated he would like more time to look over the cost allocation plan. Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to table until next week accepting/approving the board chairman to sign the FY24 Certificate of Cost Allocation Statement as prepared by Cost Advisory Services. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board recognized Dirk Henle, Maintenance Director, for his work on the clock tower at the courthouse.

The Norma Anders Public Library has contacted the Supervisors to let them know that the rural Tama County position on their board has been vacated by Donna Wilson. They would like to recommend Hope Hix to fill the vacancy. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to appoint Hope Hix, Dysart, to the rural Tama County position on the Norma Anders Public Library Board. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board received a resignation letter on June 11<sup>th</sup> from Nikki Novak who serves on the Board of Adjustment effective immediately. Motion by Turner, second by Kupka to approve the resignation of Nikki Novak from the Board of Adjustment. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Doland stated that the Board has received two Board of Adjustment applications. One of the applicants is available after 7/1/25 for appointment. The other applicant, Nancy Smith, indicated on her application she is available anytime. Due to the Board of Adjustment scheduled to meet Tuesday night and to have a fair vote the vacant position needs to be filled. Motion by Knebel, second by Turner to appoint Nancy Smith to the Board of Adjustment. Discussion: Knebel stated it was posted for 10 full business days and has met veterans' preference. The ordinance states you SHALL appoint which means you must and that is why they are appointing today. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Doland stated the Board had received a written request from Craig Sash for an appeal to his removal from the Zoning Commission. Doland clarified that it is not an appeal but a public hearing. Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve a public hearing for the removal of Craig Sash from the Zoning Commission for June 30<sup>th</sup>. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There were no hiring freeze exemptions to act on.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$188,081.30. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty and Richard Arp. Public comment time closed at 9:07 am.

Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 9:07 am.

These minutes are intended to provide a summary of the discussions and decisions made during the Board of Supervisor meeting. For the most accurate and comprehensive record, please refer to the audio recording of the meeting that can be provided upon request at the auditor's office.