

**Board of Supervisors Minutes**  
**July 14, 2025**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. July 14, 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, Deputy Dallas Dvorak, and Sheriff Schmidt.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the agenda. Turner made a motion to amend the agenda to add 09-0264 as a tax sale reassignment for John Jacoby and under discussion/possible action to enter into negotiations with NextEra Energy that needs to be reworded to say Salt Creek Wind for a development agreement, seconded by Doland. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried. All voted aye to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Bob Vokoun, Andrea Dvorak, Karen Murty, Doug Dvorak, Jim Smith, Carolyn Adolphs, Marcia Livingston, Linda Reardon-Lowry, Patrick Cornwell, Cole Langenbau, Richard Arp, and Michelle Schroeder. Public comment time closed at 9:40 am.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to approve the minutes of the July 7<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

The Board met with Ben Daleske, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report. He also had a utility permit for the board chairman to sign. The permit is for Interstate Power and Light Co. along 200<sup>th</sup> St. and H Ave in Crystal Township. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to approve the board chairman to sign the utility permit. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Daleske also presented a resolution for a street closure in Chelsea for their annual car show. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to approve the following resolution. Discussion: None.

**RESOLUTION 7-14-2025A**

Tama County

Highway/Street Closure

WHEREAS, the Chelsea Fire Department is hosting a benefit including a car show on Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

WHEREAS, they have requested a temporary closure of Highway V18 south of the railroad to facilitate the event, and

WHEREAS, the City of Chelsea will provide a detour for traffic,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tama County Board of Supervisors directs Highway V18 between 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Iowana Street will be closed on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 14th day of July, 2025. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Jim Roan was present to ask the Board for their approval to remodel the bandstand on the county courthouse lawn. The bandstand was built by the City of Toledo in 1938 on the county courthouse lawn. The remodel of the bandstand will be funded by the City of Toledo. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the City of Toledo to remodel the bandstand on the county courthouse lawn. Discussion: Doland stated it is refreshing to see civic pride. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board took a short recess at 10:01 am. The Board came out of recess at 10:09 am.

Marty Wymore from Region 6 was present to ask the Supervisors for their support of the Region 6 Housing Trust Fund in Tama County. The County's share for this year would be \$21,017.00. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve the following resolution as presented by Region 6 Planning Commission. Discussion: None.

**RESOLUTION 7-14-2025B**  
**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REGION 6 HOUSING TRUST FUND**  
**2026 APPLICATION CASH CONTRIBUTION**

Whereas the Region 6 Housing Trust Fund can apply for \$455,199 of Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) State Housing Trust Funds if the trust fund secures \$113,800 of local contributions, and Whereas the per capita state share for Tama County is \$84,068 if \$21,017 of local assistance is secured, and

Whereas there are currently 28 households on the waiting list for Tama County, and Whereas the IFA expects that 30% of the state funds be expended for households under 30% of the County median which is \$136,560 and it can be difficult some years to find projects under these income values, and

Whereas the Housing Trust Fund directly supports at least 8-10 construction jobs annually, and Whereas all the applicants must have annual incomes under 80% of the county median as determined by HUD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TAMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Section 1: Tama County will provide \$21,017 of cash assistance for the 2026 Region 6 Housing Trust Fund application. This assistance will be provided in FY 26/27.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 14th day of July, 2025. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to reassign Tax Sale Certificate #25-0002 to Pedro Enrique Saldina for \$452.00, Tax Sale Certificates #25-00003, 25-00004, and 25-00005 to Niavaris Morales for \$938.00, and Tax Sale Certificate #92-0264 to John Jacoby for \$332.00. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve Law Enforcement Contracts as presented by Sheriff Schmidt with the following cities: Clutier and Elberon. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Knebel gave an update on the South-Central Iowa Workforce Region that she is a representative for with Tama County and explained how our region will need to merge with a larger region due to federal cuts. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to explore merging with other regions. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka to approve the Auditor's Quarterly Report. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to approve the Recorder's Quarterly Report. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Doland, seconded by Turner to approve the following resolution. Discussion: Turner stated there is tension between us and the Meskwaki Tribe. They are their own nation, and they do a lot of good things for us and with us. Reach out and meet them, they are good people.

#### **RESOLUTION 7-14-2025C**

#### **MESKWAKI NATION PROCLAMATION DAY**

Tama County Board of Supervisors

Resolution Recognizing Meskwaki Nation Proclamation Day

WHEREAS, the Meskwaki Nation, formally known as the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa, is

Iowa's only federally recognized Indian tribe and has a long-standing and resilient presence in Tama County; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 1857, the Meskwaki people made history by purchasing land in Tama County, becoming the only Native American tribe in the United States to buy back a portion of their ancestral homeland, establishing what is now known as the Meskwaki Settlement; and

WHEREAS, the Meskwaki Tribal Council officially proclaimed July 13th as Meskwaki Nation Proclamation Day in 1992, to honor the foresight, courage, and determination of the original tribal leaders and families who secured a permanent home for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Meskwaki Nation has since grown into a vibrant and self-sustaining community, contributing significantly to the cultural, economic, and social fabric of Tama County, and remains the county's largest employer; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of Chief Taimah, a prominent 19th-century Meskwaki leader known for his diplomacy, leadership, and efforts to protect his people's sovereignty and land, continues to inspire the Meskwaki Nation and the broader community. Chief Taimah's leadership during a time of great upheaval helped preserve the Meskwaki identity and laid the groundwork for future generations to reclaim and thrive on their ancestral lands; and

WHEREAS, the annual celebration of Meskwaki Nation Proclamation Day provides an opportunity for all residents of Tama County to reflect on the shared history, honor the resilience of the Meskwaki people, and celebrate the enduring partnership between the Meskwaki Nation and the surrounding communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tama County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes July 13th as Meskwaki Nation Proclamation Day in Tama County, Iowa, and encourages

all residents to join in honoring the Meskwaki Nation's rich heritage, cultural contributions, and continued commitment to community and sovereignty.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 14th day of July, 2025. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Doland to approve entering into negotiations with Salt Creek Wind for a development agreement. Discussion: There was a lot of discussion between the Board.

Hilmer and Knebel does not want to drop litigation but see what Salt Creek has to say. Turner stated this opens the board up to discuss an agreement, but the final agreement would be brought before the Board and a lawyer before being cemented.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Motion carried.

Doland stated the Board will not end litigation until they have an agreement. Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to table terminating litigation in the Salt Creek Wind Project. Discussion: Knebel agreed 100% and didn't want to lose leverage. Doland stated he wanted a cease fire and if the Board is willing to come to the table, filings need to stop. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kupka to appoint Doland and Turner as the two supervisors to negotiate with Salt Creek Wind. Discussion: It was discussed that it was better to have 2 supervisors negotiate instead of the full board to avoid a quorum. The votes were Kupka, aye. Turner, aye. Doland, aye. Knebel, nay. Hilmer abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$913,920.85. Discussion: The higher amount in claims is due to property insurance premiums that are due. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Bob Vokoun, Richard Arp, Patrick Cornwell, Karen Murty, and Roger Wacha. Public comment time closed at 11:24 am.

Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 11:24 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.