

Board of Supervisors Minutes
August 18, 2025

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. August 18, 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, and members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Doug Dvorak, Wade Mitchell, Jodelle Boldt, Laura Wilson, Andrea Dvorak, Karen Murty, and Richard Arp. Public comment time closed at 9:03 am.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to approve the minutes of the August 11th regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Zoning Administrator/Weed Commissioner, Laura Wilson, stated that she had successfully completed the certification to receive her state license for Pesticide Applicator. The state requires the county to turn in a Weed Commissioner Certification Form, that requires the Board of Supervisor chairman to sign. Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the board chairman signing the Weed Commissioner Certification Form. Discussion: The Board thanked Wilson for completing this license and congratulated her. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Zoning Commission held a public hearing on August 13th and approved a Utility-Scale Solar Energy Ordinance draft. A copy of the draft had been sent to the Board of Supervisors for them to review. There was discussion between the Board stating that the Board needs to take their time before approving anything and should run the draft by the county attorney. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to postpone any action on the Utility-Scale Solar Energy Ordinance draft and to place it on next week's agenda. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Turner gave an update regarding the Aureon fiber project, IT, and gave a plan outline for what he would recommend for implementing the phone deployment with Aureon.

The Board discussed an appointment to the Civil Service Commission. Steve Baier's term ended 8/15/25. Mr. Baier stated he would not like to serve again but would serve until the Board can find a replacement. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to appoint Steve Baier as interim Civil Service Commissioner until a replacement can be found. Discussion: Knebel stated if anyone would be interested in serving to look up Iowa Code 341A.2 to see what the criteria to serve would be. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$200,677.82. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty. Public comment time closed at 9:40 am.

Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 9:40 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.