

**Board of Supervisors Minutes**  
**September 15, 2025**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 a.m. September 15, 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, Sheriff Schmidt, and members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Turner to amend the agenda to change act on decommissioning plan, settlement agreement, road use plan, and Resolution 9-15-2025B to discussion/possible action on decommissioning plan, settlement agreement, road use plan, and Resolution 9-15-2025B, and settlement agreement should read development agreement, seconded by Knebel. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Carolyn Adolphs, Richard Arp, Karen Murty, Jon Winklepleck, and Berleen Wobeter. Public comment time closed at 9:09 am.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the minutes of the September 8<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 had a resolution to establish a speed limit on K Ave of 30 mph. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to amend the resolution to read 35 mph. Discussion: It was discussed what speed the limit should be and that this will be a temporary speed limit. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to approve the following resolution. Discussion: Daleske will bring this back to the Board when construction is done.

**RESOLUTION 9-15-2025A**

**RESOLUTION FOR ESTABLISHING A SPEED LIMIT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of Iowa Code Sections 321.255 and 321.285 to determine the speed limit of any secondary road is greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing, and may determine and declare a reasonable and proper speed limit, and

WHEREAS, the current closure of E43 from K Avenue to Hwy 63 has caused increased traffic on K Avenue near Toledo,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the following speed limits are established effective immediately, and appropriate signs shall be erected at the locations described as follows;

35 mph on K Avenue commencing at E43 and proceeding south to Ross Street/310<sup>th</sup> Street.  
Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 15th day of September 2025. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Daleske also informed the Board that Chad Bartling had applied to change positions. Bartling would be going from a laborer position to the open Traer motor grader operator position. He recommends the Board approve the position change for Chad Bartling. This position change occurred 9/9/25. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to approve the position change for Chad Bartling to the open Traer motor grader operator position. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Laura Wilson, Zoning Administrator, was present to recommend the Board set public hearings to update the Zoning Ordinance Fees to match Marshall County's fees. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to accept the Zoning Board recommendation to update the Zoning Ordinance Fees and to set public hearing dates of October 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>. All public hearings on those dates will be held at 9:00 am. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Turner stated Supervisor Knebel had submitted changes she would like to see made to the Development Agreement. He stated negotiations had been held between himself, Supervisor Doland and Sean Roberts, who is the owner of Salt Creek Wind II (SCW II) and that those negotiations answered her concerns. He invited Sean Roberts to open negotiations with the entire board starting with the Development Agreement. There was much discussion with each concern being addressed and Mr. Roberts agreeing to them. A recess was held at 11:35 am to allow for a restroom break. The Board came out of recess at 11:42 am.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$196,139.89. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 12:03 pm for lunch. The Board came out of recess at 1:13 pm.

Mr. Roberts and the Board discussed the changes that had been made to the development agreement. There were more language changes that were suggested by Knebel that Mr. Roberts agreed to. The Board looked at the Road Use Agreement. The Tama County Engineer had submitted some additional language to be included. Mr. Roberts agreed to the additional language. Next the Board went over the Decommissioning Agreement with Mr. Roberts. Doland stated changes had been asked to be made to the agreement for more compliance. Changes were to have a decommissioning plan on file and reviewed every three years, also to have a bond be set to 150% of what a professional licensed engineer in Iowa recommends including net scrap value rather than gross scrap value. Mr. Roberts agreed to those changes also. The Board then discussed Resolution 9-15-2025B with Mr. Roberts. Knebel asked if they would do additional studies due to the time that has passed since the original studies. Mr. Roberts stated they would follow the federal government's study guidelines to ensure that they can continue with their permits. Mr. Roberts also agreed to add language to the resolution stating that nothing will prohibit any county person from enforcing the ordinances. Mr. Roberts left to work with his team to get all agreements and the resolution updated with the changes.

The Board recessed at 1:42 pm for a short break. The Board came out of recess at 2:10pm.

Each supervisor was allowed time to voice their comments and have a discussion.

After the supervisors voiced their comments Doland opened public comment time. Public comments were heard from Lynn Cizek, Patrick Cornwell, Richard Arp, Karen Murty, Sheriff Schmidt, Berleen Wobeter, and Jodelle Boldt. Public comment time closed at 3:01 pm.

Turner called the question. All voted aye to end debate. Motion by Turner, seconded by Doland to approve and authorize execution of the Decommissioning Agreement, Development Agreement, Road Use Agreement, and Resolution 9-15-2025B with Salt Creek Wind II and direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, nay. Turner, aye. Knebel, nay. Doland, aye. Kupka, nay. Resolution and motions failed.

Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 3:03 pm.

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.