

Board of Supervisors Minutes
November 17, 2025

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. November 17, 2025. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, David Turner; 3rd District Supervisor, Heather Knebel and 4th District Supervisor, Mark Doland. Also, Tama County Auditor, Karen Rohrs, and members of the public. Absent: 5th District Supervisor, Curt Kupka.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty. Public comment time closed at 8:31 am.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to approve the minutes of the November 10th regular meeting and November 12th special 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 presented a purchase agreement and easement documents to the Board for purchasing additional right of way from the Peggy & Willis W. Crees Family Trust on E29 for bridge replacement project no. BRS-C086(119)—60-86 and for the board chairman to sign. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the board chairman to sign the purchase agreement and easement documents. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Daleske presented a purchase agreement and easement documents to the Board for purchasing additional right of way from Larry & Victoria Holst on E29 for bridge replacement project no. BRS-C086(119)—60-86 and for the board chairman to sign. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to approve the board chairman to sign the purchase agreement and easement documents. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Daleske presented a purchase agreement and easement documents to the Board for purchasing additional right of way from Kaleb Bidwell on I Avenue for bridge replacement project no. BROS-C086(120)—8J-86 and for the board chairman to sign. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the board chairman to sign the purchase agreement and easement documents. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Daleske also had a utility permit for the Board's approval and for the board chairman to sign. The permit is for USA Communications. Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to approve the permit and for the board chairman to sign the utility permit. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Daleske also had a utility permit for the Board's approval and for the board chairman to sign from Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to approve the

permit and for the board chairman to sign the utility permit. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Doland stated that Steve Baier had been appointed as interim commissioner to the Tama County Civil Service Commission until a permanent commissioner could be appointed. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve appointing Laura Kopsa to the Civil Service Commission. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Doland stated that Casey Schmidt's term on the Board of Health is due to expire 12/31/25. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to approve appointing Richard Arp to the Board of Health after Casey Schmidt's term expires in December. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Doland and Knebel stated the amendment to Resolution 11-10-2025B is to clean up the language within the resolution. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to amend Resolution 11-10-2025B Moratorium on Battery Storage in Tama County, IA. Discussion: None.

RESOLUTION 11-10-2025B

A Resolution Establishing an Indefinite Moratorium on Battery Storage Projects in Tama County, IA

WHEREAS, the Tama County Board of Supervisors is vested with the authority to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of Tama County; and

WHEREAS, the County currently lacks a specific ordinance or comprehensive regulatory framework governing the siting, development, and operation of battery storage projects; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the need to develop an ordinance to address the unique characteristics and potential impacts of battery storage projects; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of Tama County's agricultural lands, rural character, and natural resources is of vital importance to the well-being and sustainability of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Board has identified concerns related to battery storage projects, including but not limited to fire hazards, safety risks, adequacy of emergency response preparedness, potential for environmental contamination, appropriate setbacks from properties and sensitive uses, and visual impacts on the landscape; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to balance the property rights of landowners with the County's responsibility to protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to ensure that any future battery storage projects are thoroughly evaluated and appropriately regulated and;

WHEREAS, The Tama County Zoning Commission is the appropriate body to develop a comprehensive ordinance addressing the siting and regulation of battery storage projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tama County Board of Supervisors as follows:

- The Board hereby establishes an indefinite moratorium on the acceptance, review, or approval of any applications or permits for new battery storage projects within Tama County, effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution.
- This moratorium applies to all proposed battery storage facilities, regardless of size, technology, or location, that are not currently permitted or under construction as of the effective date of this Resolution.
- The moratorium shall remain in effect until:
 - A comprehensive land use plan is adopted by Tama County; and

- The Tama County Zoning Commission drafts and the Board of Supervisors enacts a battery storage ordinance providing for the appropriate regulation, siting, and operation of battery storage projects.
- The Tama County Zoning Commission is hereby directed to work on the development of a comprehensive battery storage ordinance.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 17th day of November, 2025. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$287,247.65. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty and Jack Cooper. Public comment time closed at 8:58 am.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 8:58 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.