

Board of Supervisors Minutes
April 6, 2026

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. April 6, 2026. 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 Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the agenda. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: There were no comments made from the public. Public comment time closed at 8:31 am.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the March 30th regular meeting and work session. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kupka gave a roads project report. Knebel informed the Board that Highway 63 north to the Highway 96 intersection is scheduled to be closed starting April 20th.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka to approve the annual liquor license for Backyard Vines located near Traer. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Turner informed the Board of IT services Ninjaone can provide to the county. The county has been testing their services. The contract he is looking to sign is a two-year contract at a cost of \$5,338.20 per year with the first six months free. Turner has submitted the contract to the county attorney to review. Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve signing an IT contract with Ninjaone upon approval of the contract by the county attorney. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board has received the Fiscal Year 2025 Tama County Audit from Eide Bailly and has reviewed it. A copy of the audit report is available in the County Auditor's Office, in the Office of Auditor of State, and on the Auditor of State's web site. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to accept the Fiscal Year 2025 Tama County Audit. Discussion: Knebel stated she had reached out to the auditors looking for a high level report. The most common finding is an overlap of duties in offices due to limited staffing. Turner stated he wants the county to be fiscally responsible and likes the county being debt free. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Short-Term and Long-Term Disability coverage had been discussed at a meeting in March. Due to Sheriff and 911 Union contracts not being signed until April 2nd coverage will not begin for them until July 1, 2026. Coverage for Non-Union employees began April 1st. Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to approve Plan 4 Short-Term and Long-Term Disability coverage for Non-Union beginning April 1st and Sheriff Union and 911 Union beginning July 1st. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board held discussion with the Sheriff regarding mental health physicals for his department and 911 dispatchers. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve mental health physicals for fulltime sheriff deputies, jailers, and dispatchers to be paid from the health plan account. If there is need of a referral or follow up, that will go through the employee's health insurance or the county's EAP. Discussion: The annual cost to the health account is estimated to be \$5,000.00. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A work session had been held last Monday with the Tama County Public Health Director and members of the Tama County Public Health Board to discuss the future of Tama County Home Health. The Tama County Public Health Director along with members of the Tama County Public Health Board returned to submit a new proposal to the Board of Supervisors to try and retain home health services in the county. The proposal was to decrease the budget by reducing wages and increase revenue by keeping Medicare certification. Motion by Doland, seconded by Turner to approve the public health/home health budget presented today with the caveat that they look into a revolving loan or business line of credit. Discussion: Knebel would like to see the home health portion of the public health budget be placed into its own department. Hilmer, Knebel, Doland, and Turner voted aye. Kupka voted nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$105,449.37. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business: Supervisor Hilmer stated the 6th judicial is losing its director due to a promotion. Supervisor Doland stated Region 6 had met. Supervisor Turner stated work is being done on the sheriff's recording system and that the phone upgrade is close to being done.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty, Richard Arp, Jacob Reineke, and an online comment by C.C. Public comment time closed at 10:00 am.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 10:00 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.