

Board of Supervisors Minutes
May 4, 2026

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. May 4, 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 Hilmer 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 8:35 am.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the April 27th regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kupka gave a roads project report.

The engineer's office has received a utility permit from the Iowa Department of Transportation. Interim County Engineer Nick Amelon recommends the Board sign the permit. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to approve the utility permit for the Iowa Department of Transportation and authorize the chairman to sign the utility permit. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Interim County Engineer has submitted documentation to amend the engineer's budget with the DOT. This amendment reflects higher-than-anticipated expenses in Engineering and Administration; however, the overall budget remains unchanged, as these costs will be offset by savings in other areas. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the DOT budget amendment and authorize the chairman to sign the DOT budget amendment. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Secondary Roads Union has asked the Supervisors to approve temporary changes to the Local No. 886 United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (the Union representing the Secondary Road Employees, or UE for short) Union Agreement regarding summer hours. The Secondary Roads Union would like to work four 10-hour days (Monday-Thursday) beginning June 1st through Labor Day. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Knebel to approve temporary changes to the Bargaining Agreement of four 10-hour days (Monday-Thursday). Discussion: There was discussion of how the Board would like to see Fridays covered so that problems get handled and overtime does not occur. The Board would like to see the union come back with a plan to address the Board's concerns of making sure all days are covered, Monday-Friday. Hilmer-aye. Knebel-nay. Doland-nay. Kupka-nay. Turner-nay. Motion failed.

The Interim County Engineer also submitted a Preconstruction Agreement for the placement of rumble panels on County Road T-47 (north side of U.S. 30). The cost of the project is estimated to

be \$4,400 and will not be reimbursed by the DOT. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the Preconstruction Agreement with the DOT and authorize the chairman and auditor to sign the documents. Discussion: It was discussed that an email from the DOT had a cost of \$700 per rumble panel for a total of \$1,400 for two panels. Hilmer withdrew his motion, Turner withdrew his second motion. Knebel made a motion to approve the Preconstruction Agreement with an amendment to Exhibit B to show cost of \$700 each for a total of \$1,400, seconded by Hilmer. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board has received the completed Tama County cost allocation plan prepared by Cost Advisory Services, Inc. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to accept/approve the board chairman to sign the FY25 Certificate of Cost Allocation Statement as prepared by Cost Advisory Services.

Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center has submitted an updated 28E Agreement to the Board for approval to continue as a member. Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to approve the updated 28E Agreement with Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center and to authorize Supervisor Turner to sign the agreement. Discussion: Doland stated he doesn't agree with the joining fee in the agreement. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board continued discussions regarding Tama County Public Health and Home Care services in the county. Supervisor Turner gave an update that he had been communicating back and forth with Megan from Greenbelt Home Care. Greenbelt is in the process of getting approval from the Department of Inspection and Appeals to perform services in Tama County. Greenbelt would not take on the public health side, but would perform home health care services in Tama County. Going forward the Board would like to meet with the Board of Health and public health staff in a work session to evaluate services on a quarterly basis and invite outside agencies to join who may be able to offer contract services. No action taken.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$64,463.91. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business: Supervisor Knebel informed the Board that a Zoning Board member term and Board of Adjustment member term are set to expire on June 30, 2026. The Board of Adjustment member has stated they would be interested in serving again, but the Zoning Board member would not like to serve again creating a vacancy. If anyone from the public is interested in serving, they should reach out to Laura Wilson, Zoning Director, or the Board of Supervisors for more information. Knebel also attended a DECAT meeting last week and informed the Board that CPPC and DECAT will be going to HHS. Supervisor Doland stated he had attended the Region 6 meeting last week. Supervisor Turner informed the Board that two cyber attacks had been attempted but had been stopped before county information could be breached or compromised. He stated a backup is being looked into.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty and Kelly Purk. Public comment time closed at 10:29 am.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 10:29 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.