

Board of Supervisors Minutes
May 18, 2026

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. May 18, 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: Public comments were heard from Berleen Wobeter. Public comment time closed at 8:38 am.

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

Supervisor Kupka gave a roads project report. The Board also discussed receiving rock from the Salt Creek Wind I project and maintenance needs on L Ave near Dinsdale.

Nick Amelon, Interim Tama County Engineer, submitted an updated Preconstruction Agreement for rumble strips on Highway T47 north of Highway 30. The updated agreement reflects the correct cost of \$1,400 for two rumble strips. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the updated Preconstruction Agreement and authorize the chairman and auditor to sign the document. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mike Gilchrist and Berleen Wobeter, with Council on Aging, was present to discuss the needs within Tama County with the Board of Supervisors. Mike also handed out an application for the Board to disburse to their constituents to apply for funds.

Dirk Henle, Tama County Maintenance Director, informed the Board of drainage tile issues at the Tama County Farm. Supervisor Kupka will obtain an estimate for the cost of addressing the problem. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed a HomeBase Iowa application submitted by Hunter Clark. The Board received proof that Mr. Clark does own a home in Tama County and is currently an active member of the military. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve Hunter Clark's HomeBase Iowa application and authorizes the auditor to issue payment to Mr. Clark in the amount of \$2,500. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to approve moving next week's meeting to Tuesday, May 26th at 8:30 am, due to the Memorial Day Holiday. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

An update to Backyard Vines LLC Alcohol Permit Ownership has been submitted. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka to approve the update to Backyard Vines LLC Alcohol Permit Ownership. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to approve the annual liquor license for Rusty Ridge Campground. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Turner informed the Board that he is meeting with a copier vendor this afternoon and that once he has decided on which contracts to go with, he would like the county attorney to review the contracts. He also informed the Board that he has been made aware of a contract that Public Health entered into three months ago for fax services that is no longer needed due to Public Health decertifying, and it will cost Public Health \$30,000 to cancel the contract. No action taken.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$221,895.49. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business: Supervisor Turner informed the Board that work is ongoing to resolve issues related to the Aureon switch over. He also stated that he feels contracts should be presented to the Board of Supervisors for review and approved by the chair prior to execution. In addition, he stated that all contracts should be reviewed by the county attorney or other legal counsel before being finalized.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty. Public comment time closed at 9:34 am.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 9:34 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.