

Board of Supervisors Minutes
June 15, 2026

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. June 15, 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 from the public. Public comment time closed at 8:31 am.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the June 8th regular meeting and June 9th special meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kupka gave a roads project report. Hilmer and Knebel updated the Board on the informational meeting that was held with residents regarding the long-term plan for L Avenue near Dinsdale.

The Board discussed a proposal for 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 that they had received from Brett Konicek, union president. The Board had asked Konicek to gather more information of how many secondary roads employees wanted to do 10-hour days and to come up with a plan to cover daily road maintenance/duties Monday-Friday. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to accept the proposal presented by Konicek that lists the secondary road employees covered by the union who will be working 4 10-hour days and employees who will be working 5 8-hour days with coverage of a mechanic on Fridays. Discussion: None. Hilmer, Knebel, and Turner voted aye. Doland and Kupka voted nay. Motion carried.

The Board held discussion on the continuation of Road Use Tax Funds for Farm to Market roads being distributed to cities in Tama County with a population of fewer than 500 people. This would affect Chelsea, Clutier, Elberon, Garwin, Lincoln, Montour, and Vining. The county maintains these Farm to Market roads and could use these funds to offset the cost of maintaining them instead of distributing the money to the cities. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to approve discontinuing the distribution of the Road Use Tax Funds to cities in Tama County with a population of fewer than 500 people effective immediately. Discussion: It was stated that the Farm to Market money needs to be managed better in the future. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The engineer's office has received two utility permits from Poweshiek Water Association. Interim County Engineer Nick Amelon recommends the Board sign the permits. Motion by Kupka,

seconded by Turner to approve the utility permits for Poweshiek Water Association and authorize the chairman to sign the utility permits. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Jake Buchanan, Tama County Economic Development Director, presented photos to the Board for them to select a winner of the Tama County Economic Development Photo Contest. The photo submitted by Bob Kienzle was selected as the winner. Buchanan also discussed the time capsule with the Board.

Kevin Eikamp currently serves on the Tama County Veteran Affairs Board and his term is due to expire on June 30, 2026. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Knebel to approve reappointing Kevin Eikamp to the Tama County Veteran Affairs Board for a three-year term that will end on June 30, 2029. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dirk Henle, Tama County Maintenance Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board a transfer of unused funds from his budget into the capital improvement fund for future tuck pointing on the courthouse. The Board would also like unused funds from the maintenance budget to be transferred to the capital improvement fund for future HVAC needs.

The county auditor asked the Board if she can create two new special funds for the sheriff's department. These funds would be used for the Be the Example Award and K9 programs the sheriff is starting. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve the county auditor creating two new funds for the sheriff's department. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The county auditor asked for approval from the Board for the treasurer to open bank accounts at WCF Financial Bank for the Be the Example Award and K9 funds for the sheriff's department. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka to approve the treasurer opening a bank account at WCF Financial Bank for the Be the Example Award and K9 funds. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to authorize the following Tama County representatives as signers on the new Be the Example Award and K9 fund accounts with WCF Financial Bank: Tama County Auditor, Tama County Treasurer, Tama County Treasurer Tax Assistant, Tama County Sheriff, and Tama County Chief Deputy Sheriff. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$284,087.20. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business: Supervisor Doland discussed the email he had received from the mental health region. Supervisor Turner informed the Board that the old phones have been sold and he is having an IT meeting tomorrow.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Laura Wilson, Jessica, and Karen Murty. Public comment time closed at 9:37 am.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Knebel to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 9:37 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.