

Board of Supervisors Minutes
June 29, 2026

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. June 29, 2026. 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. 5th District Supervisor, Curt Kupka, joined the meeting at 8:34 am.

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 Adam Todd, Karen Murty, Jake Buchanan, and Robert Kienzle. Public comment time closed at 8:44 am.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Knebel to approve the minutes of the June 22nd regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kupka gave a roads project report. Supervisor Turner reported that he had traveled the roads in his district last week.

Some employees in the Secondary Roads Department began working 10-hour shifts last Monday. The Board discussed concerns that arose during the first week of the new schedule. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to return all Secondary Roads Department employees to a schedule of five 8-hour workdays, effective immediately. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Due to new legislation that has passed the Board must designate where their agenda will be posted. Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the following resolution: Discussion: None.

RESOLUTION 6-29-2026A

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE PLACE AT WHICH NOTICE OF
MEETINGS OF THE TAMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHALL BE
POSTED**

WHEREAS, the Iowa Legislature has amended Iowa's Open Meetings statute to require every governmental body to designate annually a prominent and conspicuous place for posting notice of its meetings;

WHEREAS, beginning on July 1, 2026, such notice must be visible at all times for at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting for which notice is being given; and

WHEREAS, the Tama County Board of Supervisors has previously adopted Ordinance #V.14 Tama County Board of Supervisors Meeting Rules expressing the Board's commitment to both transparency and public participation in government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR TAMA COUNTY, IOWA:

Section 1. At least one full business day prior to the commencement of each meeting of the Tama County Board of Supervisors from July 6, 2026, through and including January 4, 2027, the Tama County Auditor shall post a meeting agenda, including the time, date, and place of the

meeting, on the bulletin board located in the hallway of the Tama County Administration Building, on the glass exterior door on the south side of the Tama County Administration Building, and on the Tama County website (tamacountyiowa.gov) under the supervisors department.

Section 2. At its January 4, 2027, organizational meeting, and at every annual organizational meeting thereafter, the Tama County Board of Supervisors shall designate the place at which notice of its meetings shall be posted for the following year.

Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 29th day of June, 2026. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Curtis Behrens, Tama County Conservation Director, spoke to the Board at last week's meeting to approve transferring funds from the General Fund to the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund and Conservation Machinery & Equipment Fund for future renovation projects and vehicle replacements. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Hilmer to approve the following resolution. Discussion: It was discussed that the LAD account that this is to be transferred to can be used for land acquisition and improvements.

RESOLUTION 6-29-2026B
Resolution to Transfer Funds

\$92,000 from the General Fund (0001) into the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund (0027) for future renovation projects and \$5,000 from the General Fund (0001) into the Conservation Machinery & Equipment Fund (2000) for future vehicle replacements.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 22nd day of June, 2026. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Two union contracts were presented to be approved and signed. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve and sign union contracts with International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union #238 (Sheriff, 911). Discussion: The auditor informed the Board that the county has not received the roads union contract yet. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to approve the Law Enforcement Contracts as presented by Sheriff Schmidt with the cities of Clutier, Chelsea, Elberon, Garwin, Gladbrook, Lincoln, Montour, and Traer. Discussion: None.

Knebel amended her motion to include authorization for the Chairman and Auditor to sign the contracts. Turner seconded the amendment. All voted aye to the amended motion, approving the Law Enforcement Contracts with the listed cities and authorizing the Chairman and Auditor to sign the contracts. Motion carried. The original motion, as amended, also passed unanimously.

The Veterans Affairs and Relief Services Departments exceeded their approved budgets. Available funds from the Auditor's Department, which remained under budget, are available to be reappropriated to offset these overages. Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the following resolution to re-appropriate funds. Discussion: None.

RESOLUTION 6-29-2026C

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tama County Board of Supervisors hereby approves a re-appropriation of funds as follows:

Auditor (02) \$5,000 to cover increased expenses in Veteran Affairs (21) for \$1,100 and Relief Services (25) for \$3,900.

Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 29th day of June, 2026. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

A term on the Tama County Board of Adjustment is set to expire on June 30, 2026. Nancy Smith currently serves in this position and has expressed interest in continuing her service on the Board. She has submitted an application for reappointment. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to appoint Nancy Smith to the Tama County Board of Adjustment with a term of 7/1/2026 to 6/30/2031. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A term on the Tama County Zoning Commission is set to expire on June 30, 2026. Wade Mitchell currently serves in this position and has indicated that he does not wish to be reappointed to the Commission. One application has been submitted for consideration from Jim Niebergall. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka to appoint Jim Niebergall to the Tama County Zoning Commission with a term of 7/1/2026 to 6/30/2031. Discussion: The Board thanked Wade Mitchell for his many years of serving on the Zoning Commission. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board discussed a reorganization of the Board of Supervisors. Chairman Doland stepped down from his position as Chair. Motion by Doland, seconded by Turner to appoint Heather Knebel as Chairwoman of the Board of Supervisors. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to appoint Doland as Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Doland to approve the regular claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$333,658.08. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve health claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$1,079.17. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business: Supervisor Turner informed the Board that Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center will be raising their daily rate from \$150 to \$175. He also informed the Board that the POE switches are being installed and that a tripod was purchased for the OWL. Supervisor Doland stated he will be attending the Region 6 quarterly meeting this week. Supervisor Knebel informed the Board that the Zoning Commission is still working on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan along with other ordinances. She stated that Region 6 could help the county with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty and Jacob Reineke. Public comment time closed at 9:20 am.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Doland to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Chairwoman Knebel adjourned the meeting at 9:20 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.