

Board of Supervisors Minutes
August 17, 2026
Special Meeting

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 9:30 a.m. August 17, 2026, for a special meeting. 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, Deputy Sheriff, Brian Randall, and members of the public.

Motion by Doland, seconded by Hilmer to amend the agenda to say Discussion/possible action to accept or reject for filing the petition that was received on 8/10/2026 to Decrease the number of Tama County Supervisors from Five Members to Three Members. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the amended agenda. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

At its August 10th meeting, the Board was presented with a petition from Tama County citizens requesting that a question be placed on the November 2026 General Election ballot to reduce the number of Tama County Supervisors from five members to three members. The Board, along with employees from the Auditor's Office, reviewed the petition to ensure that it complied with all applicable state laws, rules, and regulations. Following that review, the petition was determined to be valid on its face.

Motion by Doland, seconded by Turner to accept the petition received on 8/10/2026 to decrease the number of Tama County Supervisors from five members to three members. Discussion: Supervisor Turner stated with the code, Secretary of State, county attorney, and Iowa Supreme Court it is amazing of all the different interpretations of the code. State representatives and the senate need to fix the code so that it is perfectly clear because there has been too much angst over this process because our codes are not clearly defined. Supervisor Doland stated he had already met with Representative Fisher, and he is going to file legislation to fix this in the next session.

Motion by Doland, seconded by Turner to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Chairwoman Knebel adjourned the meeting at 9:49 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.