

Board of Supervisors Minutes
August 31, 2026

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. August 31, 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. Absent: 5th District Supervisor, Curt Kupka.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Travis Starr and Karen Murty. Public comment time closed at 8:35 am.

Motion by Doland, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the August 24th regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Hilmer gave a roads project report.

The engineer's office has received two utility permits for Poweshiek Water Association. Motion by Turner, seconded by Doland to approve the two utility permits for Poweshiek Water Association and authorize the Chairwoman to sign the utility permits. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Tama County is required to submit its Secondary Roads Annual Report and Structurally Deficient Bridge Report to the State of Iowa by September 15th. Iowa County has agreed to allow its current engineer, Nick Amelon, to prepare and file these reports on behalf of Tama County. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the contract for consultation on the Secondary Roads Annual Report and Structurally Deficient Bridge Report with Iowa County and authorize the Chairwoman to sign the contract. Discussion: Supervisor Turner had spoken with a supervisor from Iowa County, and they are happy to help out. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Turner gave an IT projects report.

Yaumara Molina Mayea was present to ask the supervisors to reassign Tax Certificate # 26-00012. The current amount owed is \$1,095.00. \$1,050.00 of that is actual taxes, the rest is for interest. Yaumara would like to offer \$525.00, one half the amount of the taxes. She would like the supervisors to abate the other half of the taxes owed and interest. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to reassign Tax Sale Certificate #26-00012 to Yaumara Molina Mayea and Alexis Castillo Mendibur for \$525.00. Discussion: Approving the tax certificate reassignment will return the property to the tax rolls. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Claudia Perez Gonzalez was present to ask the supervisors to reassign Tax Certificate #26-00006. The current amount owed is \$2,220.65. \$904.00 of that is actual taxes, the rest is for

interest, special assessments and miscellaneous fees. Claudia would like to offer \$452.00, one half the amount of the taxes, and has plans to meet with the City of Tama to ask if they would abate \$1,047.65, the amount of the special assessment. She would like the supervisors to abate the other half of the taxes owed, interest, and miscellaneous fees. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to reassign Tax Sale Certificate #26-00006 to Claudia Perez Gonzalez for \$452.00, if the City of Tama will abate the special assessments. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Doland to approve a temporary liquor license for Sips In Motion, LLC for a wedding reception to be held at Pilgrim Heights Retreat on October 10th. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve appointing outside legal counsel Stuart Cochrane with Johnson, Mulholland, Cochrane, Cochrane, Yung & Engler, P.L.C. to advise and represent the county in legal matters with the secondary roads union. Discussion: Once the contract is received, it will be presented to the Board for review and approval. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Doland to approve health claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$1,378.08. 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 \$356,897.52. Discussion: Claims were higher this week due to the quarterly county contribution to 911 and EMA. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business: Supervisor Turner informed the Board that he had attended a Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center meeting last week and things are going well. Supervisor Doland informed the Board that he had met with Michelle Roseburrough regarding job related issues. Supervisor Knebel informed the Board that Jake with Economic Development is working on the website. She also attended an Eastern Iowa Workforce meeting and they are working on onboarding.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Jack Cooper, Karen Murty, Jim Smith, Lynn Snell, and Gerald Husak. Public comment time closed at 9:19 am.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Chairwoman Knebel adjourned the meeting at 9:19 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.