

Board of Supervisors Minutes
September 21, 2026

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. September 21, 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 Doland to approve the agenda. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Jake Buchanan, Karen Murty, Carolyn Adolphs, and Bill Faircloth. Public comment time closed at 8:42 am.

Motion by Doland, seconded by Kupka to approve the minutes of the September 14th regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kupka gave a roads project report.

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

Supervisor Turner gave an IT projects report.

Sheriff Schmidt presented a 28E Agreement to the Board. The 28E Agreement is with the Black Hawk Swat Team. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the 28E Agreement and authorize the Chairwoman to sign the agreement. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Tama County Public Health has requested written support from the Board of Supervisors in conjunction with our local Board of Health to support Cerro Gordo to serve as the District 3 Lead Agency for HHS Realignment in relation to state grants that the Tama County Public Health is a part of. Motion by Doland, seconded by Hilmer to approve signing the Letter of Support in conjunction with our local Board of Health. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor informed the Board that the county's GASB75 (Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75) report has been completed for fiscal year 2026. This is a report that is required of State and local governmental employers that provide other post-employment benefits (OPEB). Motion by Doland, seconded by Hilmer to approve the GASB75 report for fiscal year 2026. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to approve the Annual Urban Renewal Report for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as presented by the Auditor. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board took a brief recess at 8:59 am. The Board came out of recess at 9:04 am.

Ryan Smith from Schneider Geospatial was present to give a presentation on their service, Beacon web portal, which is a web-based parcel search.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the regular claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$63,953.13. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business: Supervisor Turner informed the Board that the NinjaOne contract will cost a little more each year than what had been quoted due to extra services that the county requires. Supervisor Knebel informed the Board she had attended a Zoom Heartland meeting.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty. Public comment time closed at 9:40 am.

The Board took a brief recess at 9:41 am. The Board came out of recess at 9:46 am.

Knebel stated the board will go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5.(1) (c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Motion by Doland, seconded by Turner to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (c). Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. The Board went into closed session at 9:47 am. Those present were Supervisors: Curt Hilmer, Heather Knebel, Mark Doland, David Turner, Curt Kupka, Taylor House, Road Foreman, Chris Wilson, Secondary Road's Office Manager, Michelle Schroeder, Assistant to the Auditor and Karen Rohrs, Auditor. Attorney Stuart Cochrane was to join by phone, but the Board was unable to reach him. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to go back into open session. The Board came out of closed session at 10:02 am. Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Those present were Supervisors: Curt Hilmer, Heather Knebel, Mark Doland, David Turner, Curt Kupka, Taylor House, Road Foreman, Chris Wilson, Secondary Road's Office Manager Michelle Schroeder, Assistant to the Auditor and Karen Rohrs, Auditor. Discussion: Mr. Cochrane was detained and was unable to attend the meeting right now. He will be available at 11:30 to call into the meeting.

The Board took a recess at 10:05 am. The Board came out of recess at 11:30 am.

Knebel stated the board will go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5.(1) (c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (c). Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Kupka, aye. The Board went into closed session at 11:31 am. Those present were Supervisors: Curt Hilmer, Heather Knebel, David Turner, Curt Kupka, Taylor House, Road Foreman, Chris Wilson, Secondary Road's Office Manager, Michelle Schroeder, Assistant to the Auditor and Karen Rohrs, Auditor. Supervisor Mark Doland and Attorney Stuart Cochrane joined by phone. Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to go back into open session. The Board came out of closed session at 12:20 pm. Roll call vote:

Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Those present were Supervisors: Curt Hilmer, Heather Knebel, David Turner, Curt Kupka, Taylor House, Road Foreman, Chris Wilson, Secondary Road's Office Manager Michelle Schroeder, Assistant to the Auditor and Karen Rohrs, Auditor. Supervisor Doland joined by phone. Discussion: None. No action was taken.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Chairwoman Knebel adjourned the meeting at 12:20 pm.

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.