**Board of Supervisors Minutes**
**November 2, 2026**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. November 2, 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 Patrick Cornwell and Jessica Roby. Public comment time closed at 8:46 am.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to approve the minutes of the October 26th regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Engineer Primus gave a roads project report.

Engineer Primus presented a utility permit for ECI REC. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to approve the utility permit for ECI REC and authorize the chairwoman to sign the permit. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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 Kupka 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 8:52 am. Those present were Supervisors: Curt Hilmer, Heather Knebel, Mark Doland, David Turner, Curt Kupka, Jordan Primus, Tama County Engineer, Taylor House, Road Foreman, Michelle Schroeder, Assistant to the Auditor and Karen Rohrs, Auditor. Attorney Stuart Cochrane and Paul Greufe, HR Consultant, joined by phone. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Hilmer to go back into open session. The Board came out of closed session at 9:39 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, Jordan Primus, Tama County Engineer, Taylor House, Road Foreman, Michelle Schroeder, Assistant to the Auditor and Karen Rohrs, Auditor. Discussion: None.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to authorize the attorney to proceed from the closed session. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Turner gave an IT projects report.

The county auditor has received notification that the county can participate in an additional opioid settlement with Albertsons. Motion by Doland, seconded by Turner to approve the board chairwoman signing a participation settlement agreement with Albertsons for Opioid Litigation. 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 $99.45. 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 $107,225.36. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business: Supervisor Kupka stated the new building is going up at Landfill. Supervisor Turner informed the Board that he had met with Secretary Naig at the Belle Plaine wetlands to learn how they work. Supervisor Turner also wanted to clarify a statement he made last week. He wanted to clarify that he had authority to forge documents to steal military vehicles and to impersonate other people all in the means of testing the security of our most valuable weapons and weapons delivery systems. Supervisor Doland had attended a Region 6 meeting, and they are wrapping up year end. Supervisor Hilmer stated he will be attending a Board of Health meeting today. Supervisor Knebel stated she will be attending an Economic Development meeting this Thursday.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Jim Smith and Bill Faircloth. Public comment time closed at 10:07 am.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Doland to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Chairwoman Knebel adjourned the meeting at 10:07 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.