

Board of Supervisors Minutes
June 6, 2022

***Note change of location to Tama County Courthouse, Main Courtroom, 2nd Floor**

8:30-9:30 Public Comment Time

Present: Supervisors Vest, Faircloth, Anderson. Auditor Laura Kopsa, several members of the Tama County Against Wind Turbines Coalition. Four law enforcement officers were also present. The group spoke with the Supervisors for the entirety of the public comment time. Representatives of the group were Jon Winkelpleck, Janet Wilson and Richard Arp. They started by asking why they were denied their request to be on the agenda and stated the public is displeased they are not allowed to discuss changes to Ordinance VI.I. The action items they would like the Board to address:

1. Setbacks – would like them increased
2. Noise levels – would like reduced to 40 decibels and add infrasound limits
3. Decommissioning – turbines are considered discontinued after one year without energy production. Who from the County oversees/enforces this? Would like to see upfront decommissioning costs be set aside in escrow starting at \$1 million per turbine
4. Shadow flicker – this can trigger health issues. Would like no flicker at the property line
5. Conditional use permits – language is vague, no expiration date. Suggest expiring two years after issuance. Would like there to be a non-refundable application fee of \$1,000
6. Fire suppression systems – not currently required for the wind turbines. Concern for public safety
7. Complaint process – would like detailed language for formal complaint and enforcement processes
8. Moratorium – asks that the Supervisors take a vote on the public's request to enact a moratorium now

The Supervisors had no comment to the group.

The group had concerns about the website not being up to date with the minutes. Auditor Kopsa stated that there was a problem with the internet for part of that time and the County is in the process of developing a new website and hosting it themselves. She will see that the minutes are posted.

There were also comments from Bob Vokoun whose family owns property in the area. He would like everyone to get along. There are attorneys involved now so comments, questions should go through them.

The public comment session ended at 9:30

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 9:30 a.m. June 6, 2022 in the Tama County Courthouse, main courtroom on the second floor. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Larry Vest; 2nd District Supervisor, Bill Faircloth and 3rd District Supervisor, Dan Anderson.

Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to approve the minutes of the May 31st regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to set the date and time of the canvas for the primary election for Monday June 13th at 10:30 am. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Garrison Reekers, Safety Director, presented the Tama County Safety Manual, Volume 1 with revisions and the Tama County Hazard Communication Program for the Supervisors' approval. Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to approve the Tama County Safety Manual, Volume 1 with revisions and the Tama County Hazard Communication Program. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the need to establish a public comment policy to maintain timeliness in meetings. The Auditor handed out her notes on the policy and there was some concern about what was handed out. Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to table the Notice to the Public Regarding Public Comments to allow them to have more time to review and make any changes needed.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to approve the claims for payment as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting 9:46 a.m.