

Board of Supervisors Minutes
September 6, 2022

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. September 6, 2022. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Larry Vest; 2nd District Supervisor, Bill Faircloth and 3rd District Supervisor, Dan Anderson.

8:30 – 9:00 Employee/Department Head Time

9:00-9:30 Public Comment Time The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Supervisors Vest, Faircloth, Anderson. Tama County Auditor Laura Kopsa, several members of the Tama County Against Wind Turbines Coalition. Sheriff Kucera was also present. Janet Wilson spoke for the group. She thanked the Board for getting their website updated to reflect the current Supervisors Chairman. She asked if the Supervisors were considering livestreaming their meetings and when they would be getting microphones for their meeting room. She also inquired about the recent opening on the Zoning Commission and if the Supervisors were going to advertise for the opening. The Supervisors stated that would be addressed during their official meeting later as it is an agenda item. They had comments regarding Tammy Wise, HR, being involved in making a recommendation to the Supervisors for a position on the Board of Adjustment and thought that that was done inappropriately. The group feels commission openings should be advertised. They also feel the reappointment of Craig Sash to the Zoning Commission is a conflict of interest as he has signed an easement with the turbine company. They would like the Supervisors to try to achieve gender balance on all boards and commissions. Nepotism was discussed. There were comments regarding abandoned railroad right of ways, wind turbines and how that can affect crop dusting and life flights.

The detailed notes are available in the County Auditor's office.

Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to approve the corrected minutes of the August 29th regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

The Supervisors acknowledged receiving the resignation of Russell Pederson, Garwin, as Chairperson from the Zoning Commission. This was received on August 25th. His term expires June 30, 2024. This creates a vacancy on that Board. The Supervisors will need to appoint someone to fill that vacancy. They will take applications for this appointment through September 16th. Applications are on the Tama County website on the Board of Supervisors tab and can be turned in, emailed or mailed to the Tama County Auditor. The local newspaper offered to list this on the Tama Toledo News Chronicle and North Tama Telegraph web pages. There was an agenda item listed for a possible need to advertise for the appointment. This was put on the agenda by Auditor Kopsa for discussion. The Supervisors have not done that in the past and choose not to change that policy now.

A request has been made by the Iowa State University Extension to use the courthouse lawn on Wednesday October 5th for Healthiest State Annual Walk. The walk will be held from noon – 1 pm. They would like to have booths set up on the lawn for water, info, etc. Motion by Vest, seconded by Faircloth to approve the use of the courthouse lawn on October 5th for the Healthiest State Annual Walk. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.