

Board of Supervisors Minutes
October 10, 2022

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. October 10, 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. Deputy Sheriff Randall was also present. Jim Smith was present representing Tama County Against Wind Turbines. He commended the current Zoning Commission Board for taking the time to meet a few weeks ago and again tonight to review the Wind Energy Conversion System Ordinance and recommend possible changes for greater public safety. He spoke about who is responsible for recycling decommissioned turbines and blades. He believes these turbines cause property values to plunge, crops to dry out and soil to be compacted by the heavy equipment used to construct the turbines. Heather Knebel shared that the message this week at her church was “love thy neighbor” and quoted from Luke and Matthew in the bible. She also shared a video with audio from wind turbines. Jim Husak spoke and referenced a study done by Dr. Loomis in regard to wind turbines and how the taxes from them can help counties and schools. He encouraged members of the coalition to talk face to face with the turbine company and ask your questions and get answers. There were comments stating that just because the contracts say the turbine company will take down the turbines that doesn’t necessarily mean it is so, what if they are out of business? Nuclear energy was also discussed as a more efficient option. The detailed notes are available in the County Auditor’s office.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to approve the minutes of the October 3rd regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

The Board met with Lyle Brehm, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Vest to approve the Sheriff’s Quarterly Report. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board met with Maria from Lopez Properties, LLC to discuss a possible Tax Sale Certificate Re-assignment. This would be on Parcel #14-27-381-005, Tax Sale Certificate 21-0257 which Tama County holds. The total amount due is \$7,733.00. There are two special assessments from the City of Tama on the parcel included in this total. The Supervisors asked her to approach the City of Tama to see if they would abate the special assessments and then come back and ask again for the reassignment.

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

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