

Board of Supervisors Minutes March 13, 2023

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. March 13, 2023. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 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 Hilmer, Faircloth, Anderson. Assistant County Auditor, Karen Rohrs, several members of the Tama County Against Wind Turbines Coalition. Deputy Sheriff Killian was also present. Laura Wilson read a letter from Jenny Bledsoe asking the board to consider putting microphones in their board room. Janet Wilson stated she believes that 3 unexcused absences from a zoning board meeting should be grounds for removal from the board. There was discussion on whether or not Craig Sash has a conflict of interest on being on the zoning board. There was concern on if emails sent to the auditor regarding solar suggestions were being reviewed due to the auditor being out of the office. Karen from the auditor's office stated emails were being received and reviewed with the auditor being out of the office. She stated there was an out of office reply stating for people to call the office if they needed immediate assistance. There was concern that the board of supervisor's phone numbers and emails are not listed on the Board of Supervisor's website. Anyone wanting to contact a board of supervisor can call the office number to reach or leave a message for the board of supervisors.

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

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the February 27th regular meeting with changes, March 6th regular meeting and the March 9th special meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

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

Tammy Wise, HR/Insurance Administrator, presented an updated Catastrophic Sick Leave. She asked the Board to consider the following changes: remove the cap of 80 hours and add that vacation time can be donated.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the updated Catastrophic Sick Leave as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Supervisors discussed the possibility of getting microphones and video in the board room and the possibility of ZOOM meetings so members of the public can watch meetings live. Hilmer stated he had done some research and for little money a system could be installed. Tammy stated she would like Hilmer to send her what he found so she could show Rick Watts, who is the Tama County IT person, to get his opinion. Tammy stated she had talked to the county's lawyer, Carlton Salmons, who stated you want a good professional system. Tammy was concerned that if ZOOM was used someone could hack in and take over the meeting. She stated if the meeting is recorded you would need to keep the recording forever and that a server would be needed for that. Carolyn Adolphs stated she feels it would be best to just be able to watch the meeting and not have the option of commenting during the meeting. Heather Knebel agreed that just being able to watch the

meeting would be the best option and that if someone wanted to comment they could attend the next week's meeting to voice their concerns. Anderson stated Tammy should talk to Rick Watts to see what options are available. No action taken.

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

Chairman Faircloth adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.