

**Board of Supervisors Minutes
July 3, 2023**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. July 3, 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

9:00-9:15 Public Comment Time The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

9:15 – 9:30 Public Comment on Agenda Items

Present: Supervisors Hilmer, Faircloth, Anderson. Assistant Auditor Karen Rohrs, several members of the public. Sheriff Kucera attended later in the public comments. Ashley Stevens was present to voice her displeasure with the board not approving payment on her septic tank claim. There was much discussion on this issue. Heather Knebel was present to talk to the board about battery storage and when the zoning and board of adjustment appointments will be made. There was much discussion from the public on the board of health meeting and how the public feels that even though the law reads that no payment should be made compensation should still be made to the homeowners with septic issues. The detailed notes are available in the County Auditor's office.

9:30 Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes of the June 26th regular meeting and the minutes of the June 26th meeting that was held in conjunction with the Board of Health meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

The Board met with Ben Daleske, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report. He also presented a final voucher for project FM-CO86(100)—55-86 with Manatts that was for E36 East of Clutier. This wasn't closed out and retainage to the contractor hasn't been paid. There was a contract item that was left out and needed to be added to close out this project. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve signing of the final voucher. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Tammy Wise, HR/Insurance Administrator, discussed Title VI with the board. Title VI has to do with Civil Rights for minorities and people with disabilities. The DOT requires Tama County to sign a Non-Discrimination Agreement and a Standard Assurance in order for the County to receive Federal Funds for some projects. Tammy asked the board to appoint her as the Title VI coordinator for Tama County to sign these documents. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve appointing Tammy as the Title VI coordinator and signing of the Non-Discrimination Agreement and a Standard Assurance documents as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Tammy Wise, HR/Insurance Administrator, also presented a request for a resolution for the American Cares Act Funds. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 07-03-2023A

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the 109 trillion-dollar American Rescue Plan Act and,

WHEREAS, Tama County applied for and has been received funds for the American Rescue Plan Act totaling \$3,200,000.00.

WHEREAS, the Tama County Board of Supervisors has reviewed some requests and determined some that will qualify for the American Rescue Plan Act and

WHEREAS, based on the distribution guidelines from the US Department of Treasury, the following projects have been approved for the use in the second round of said funds:

- Tama Auditor-GIS Plat map book-15,000.00
- Tama County Sheriff-Policy and Procedure Manual-23,000.00
- Tama County EMS-Webpage-3,050.00
- Tama County Econ Dev-re-appropriate 10,000 to small business

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tama County Board of Supervisors endorses the disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the items listed and authorizes the Auditor to make these payments as they are presented.

Roll call vote: Hilmer, Aye. Faircloth, Aye. Anderson, Aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed and adopted this 3rd day of July, 2023. Bill Faircloth, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, Assistant to the County Auditor.

The Board of Supervisors held a joint meeting with the Tama County Board of Health on June 26th, 2023. It was agreed upon at that meeting that the board of health would not be making any payments out of the Time of Transfer budget of \$51,000. In order for the Board of Supervisors to decrease the Board of Health's budget a public hearing needs to be held. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Faircloth to approve the following resolution to set up a public hearing:

RESOLUTION 07-03-2023B
SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 331.434 (6) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to decrease an appropriation for a department; and

WHEREAS, a notice concerning the proposed decrease in appropriation for the Board of Health will be published as required and posted on the county web site and/or social media accounts if applicable; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed appropriation decrease will be held on July 24th, 2023 at 10:00 am;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Tama County that a public hearing be set for July 24th, 2023 at 10:00 am at the Board of Supervisor's room to decrease the appropriation for the Board of Health in the amount of \$51,000 for FY24.

Roll call vote: Hilmer, Nay. Faircloth, Aye. Anderson, Aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed and adopted this 3rd day of July, 2023. Bill Faircloth, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, Assistant to the County Auditor.

The Supervisors have received the resignation of Nathan Wrage, who was on the Conservation Board. His term was set to expire in December of 2024. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to advertise for the Conservation Board vacancy. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Before the meeting adjourned the public was asked if there were any more comments. The Board was asked what the plan was for the zoning administrator's job. The Board said they are looking into sharing the zoning and weed administrator jobs with Marshall County. It was asked if the sanitarian position will be combined and the board stated no. It was asked what is being done in the interim until something can be worked out with Marshall County regarding zoning. The board stated any zoning questions will go to Laura Kopsa, the Tama County Auditor, but she will not be addressing any turbine issues. Laura Wilson asked if Carlton was contacted by the board of health for advice. Bill Faircloth stated he was not contacted by the board of health. It was stated that Carlton became aware of the septic issue when the article came out in the paper. Sharon Earley asked the board if they are willing to fill the conservation board vacancy as soon as possible why the board is holding off on filling the zoning and board of adjustment vacancies. Dan Anderson stated the same process to fill the zoning and board of adjustment vacancies will be followed for the conservation board. Kathy Krafka-Harkema asked if interviews will be done and asked how many men and women applied. Dan Anderson stated interviews would be done and that there is no timeline as to when. There was much discussion about the board needing to be more proactive about communicating and being transparent. Richard Arp asked about redistricting. Karen Rohrs, assistant to the Auditor, stated the Auditor's office is in the process at looking at the census numbers to help the board come up with a redistricting plan. She stated the auditor's office is hoping to set up a meeting with the redistricting board this month.

Chairman Faircloth adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.