

**Board of Supervisors Minutes
March 9, 2026**

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. March 9, 2026. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, David Turner; 3rd District Supervisor, Heather Knebel and 5th District Supervisor, Curt Kupka. Also, Tama County Auditor, Karen Rohrs, and members of the public. Absent: 4th District Supervisor, Mark Doland.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the agenda. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Knebel stated the board will go into closed session for discussion and possible action per Iowa Code 21.5.1 (c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5.1 (c). Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Kupka, aye. The Board went into closed session at 8:31 am. Those present were Supervisors: Curt Hilmer, Heather Knebel, Curt Kupka, David Turner, and Karen Rohrs, Auditor. Attorney Amy Reasner with Lynch Dallas Legal joined by phone. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to go back into open session. The Board came out of closed session at 9:01am. Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Kupka, aye. Those present were Supervisors: Curt Hilmer, Heather Knebel, Curt Kupka, David Turner, and Karen Rohrs, Auditor. No action taken.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty and Jim Smith. Public comment time closed at 9:07 am.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the minutes of the March 2nd regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kupka gave a roads project report.

In June, the Board appropriated funds to each department for the upcoming FY26. At that time, the Board elected to appropriate 90% of certain departmental budgets, with the understanding that departments could request the remaining 10% if needed. Due to still utilizing a part-time employee in Veterans Affairs/Relief Services, change from part-time to full-time employee status for Mental Health, and an increase to expenditures in District Court, it is now necessary to appropriate the remaining 10% of their budgets for use. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the following resolution to appropriate the remaining 10% of funds for the Veterans Affairs/Relief Services, Mental Health, and District Court departments for FY2026. Discussion: None.

**RESOLUTION 3-9-2026A
Authorizing Appropriations to County Officers and Departments for FY2025/2026**

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors shall appropriate dollars for all budgetary departments based on Iowa Code 331.433(6);

WHEREAS, appropriations on Budgetary Funds/Departments for FY25/26 are based on the Notice of Public Hearing-Budget Estimate published on April 4, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tama County Board of Supervisors agree to appropriate the rates as attached for each department.

#	DEPARTMENT NAME	FY2026 Budgeted Amount	FY2026 APPROPRIATION
21	Veterans Affairs	105,437	105,437
25	Relief/Social Programs	79,630	79,630
31	Court Services	69,000	69,000
60	Mental Health	44,351	44,351
	TOTALS	298,418	298,418

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 9th day of March, 2026. Heather Knebel, Vice-Chairwoman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$152,393.88. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: There were no comments from the public. Public comment time closed at 9:14 am.

New Business:

Supervisor Turner stated he would like to meet with the county attorney to discuss adding language to service contracts that would allow the county to terminate an agreement before the contract's expiration date. Supervisor Knebel informed everyone that her and Supervisor Kupka had gone to the Farm Bureau meeting last week and had a good discussion regarding county budgets.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairwoman Knebel adjourned the meeting at 9:18 am. These minutes are intended to provide a summary of the discussions and decisions made during the Board of Supervisor meeting. For the most accurate and comprehensive record, please refer to the audio recording of the meeting that can be provided upon request at the auditor's office. Published in the North Tama Telegraph Mar 27, 2026

TMU CHECK REGISTER MAR 2026

ACES	1,386.00
AFLAC	427.68
ALTORFER INC.	2,938.95
ANGEL THOMA	26.39
ANSWER PLUS INC.	175.50
ASCENDANCE TRUCKS E IOWA	151.98
BONNALEE BOYD	5,654.87
BRENT BILLERBECK	82.49
CAMPBELL SUPPLY WATERLOO	82.14
CARGILL, INCORPORATED	4,842.92
CITY OF TRAEER	5,500.00
CITY OF TRAEER	13,719.60
CITY OF TRAEER	16,629.96
CLAYTON ENERGY CORP**	47,677.15
CLAYTON ENERGY CORP**	115,702.38
COLLECTIONS SERV CENTER	104.63
COLLECTIONS SERV CENTER	83.52
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	96.05
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	2,272.25
FARMERS COOP. TELE CO.	1,956.78
FLETCHER-REINHARDT CO.	22.29
FORTIVA**	484.81
GATHR**	123.14
GLOBE LIFE	17,934.00
GOLDWIND USA, INC.	246.62
GRAINGER	10.00
HAWKINS, INC.	74.65
HOMETOWN FOODS	38.10
IOWA ONE CALL	99.94
IRBY CO.	450.00
JAMES DAVIS	1,064.12
MASTERCARD	554.00
MICHELLE BRUNDAGE	741.75
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC.	179.54
MIGUEL BRISENO	220.00
MIKE & MARY BROSHAR	1,000.00
MILFORD WIND ENERGY	2,822.00
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC.	682.70
NAPA AUTO PARTS	10,996.95
NEW CENTURY FS	304.90
NIKOLAS STAHR	2,676.01
NORTHLAND PRODUCTS CO.	111.70
ORKIN PEST CONTROL	140.36
P & K MIDWEST	270.00
PARKER HULME	51.67
PETTY CASH	67,491.98
RESALE POWER GROUP OF IA	78.00
SANDY JACOBS	899.25
SINCLAIR	34.12
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT	
PARROTT	
SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY	210.78
T & R ELECTRIC	833.92
THE PARADIGM ALLIANCE	1,362.50
TRAEER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	547.07
TRAEER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	7,569.42
TRAEER POST OFFICE	589.10
U.S. CELLULAR	168.96
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUP	42.00
MEDICINE	
UNITYPOINT HEALTH AT WORK	162.00
UNITYPOINT-ST LUKES DRUG & ALCOHOL	84.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC.	5,160.00
VERIZON WIRELESS**	49.60
VIVINT:BILLING**	33.57
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	7,067.58
WINDSTREAM	
XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	
*Denotes ACH Payment	
Phones	119.74
Copier Contract	487.22
	353,905.93

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**Legals
THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOR TAMA COUNTY**

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF**

**Ronald Marlyn Dengler,
Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR007506**

**NOTICE OF PROBATE OF
WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF
EXECUTOR, AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Ronald Marlyn Dengler, Deceased, who died on or about January 31, 2026: You are hereby notified that on March 10, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Ronald Marlyn Dengler, deceased, bearing date of December 12, 2018, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Anne Dengler was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated March 16, 2026.

Anne Dengler,
Executor of Estate
2947 190th Street
Dysart, IA 52224

Brent L Lechtenberg,
ICIS#: AT0010982
Attorney for Executor
Bauch & Lechtenberg Law Office
601 1st St PO Box 57
Traer, IA 50675
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**MINUTES OF THE TRAEER
CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday, March 2nd, 2026**, at 7:00 p.m. at Municipal Hall.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Holden called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with Council Members Mennenga, Kennedy, Holst, and Rund present. Erhardt was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Kennedy, seconded by Mennenga, that the agenda is approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Knebel introduced the council members to Jake Buchanan and Michelle Roseburrough. Jake is the new Tama County Economic Development Director from the Marshalltown Chamber of Commerce and Michelle is a Business Engagement Consultant with Iowa Workforce Development.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Rund, seconded by Holst, that the minutes of the February 2nd, 2026, meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

BEER/LIQUOR PERMITS

MOTION by Kennedy, seconded by Mennenga, to approve a new license for Traer Pizza Palace, LLC. Rund, Kennedy, Mennenga voted yes to the motion. Holst abstained. Motion approved.

PLANNING AND ZONING UPDATES - READING 3

All updates have been made to the planning and zoning ordinances and map and were presented to the council for one final reading tonight. The council agreed the ordinances and map were ready for approval. MOTION by Mennenga, seconded by Kennedy, to approve RESOLUTION 03-02-26-01 a Resolu-

tion Approving the 2026 City of Traer Comprehensive Plan. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote. Then a MOTION by Holst, seconded by Rund, to approve RESOLUTION 03-02-26-02 a Resolution Setting Public Hearing for an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Motion approved with a roll call vote.

FY27 BUDGET
Clerk Blaine presented the council an updated FY27 budget draft. After making some changes to the Fire Department budget to account for some building maintenance they are hoping to do, our bottom line is still positive and sitting well. The next step in the budget process is to have a public hearing on our proposed property tax levy. Our proposed property tax rate for FY27 is \$19.56. Up just a few cents from last year due to an increase in our debt service levy due to street projects that have been done. MOTION by Mennenga, seconded by Rund, to set a public hearing date of Monday, April 6th, 2026, at 6:45pm on the proposed property tax levy. Motion approved with a roll call vote.

C O N C E R N S / C O M M E N T S / O T H E R B U S I N E S S

The council quickly reviewed the Tama County Sheriff's Contract for FY27. Sheriff Schmidt reminded the council that the only change made was a 3% increase to the dollar amount. All other verbiage remained the same. MOTION by Rund, seconded by Holst, to approve the contract with the Tama County Sheriff's Department for FY27. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

Curtis Behrens and Angela Tague with Tama County Conservation were here to talk about an opportunity to team up and work together to keep the Wilson Nature Preserve managed and maintained. Curits presented a Proposal, that if approved, would allow Tama County Conservation to help assist the City of Traer with maintaining the property for future uses and partnerships. Angela and Curtis are excited about this relationship and hope to incorporate the school and learning into the whole process. MOTION by Mennenga, seconded by Kennedy to approve the agreement with Tama County Conservation. Motin approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

STAFF REPORTS

Clerk Blaine wanted to council to know that Spring Garage Sales will be April 24/25 and Spring Clean Up will be May 1/2. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**PETE HOLDEN, MAYOR
HALEY BLAINE, CITY CLERK**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
TAMA COUNTY ZONING COMMISSION**

The Zoning Commission will meet at 6:00pm, Wednesday April 8, 2026, in the Tama County Board of Supervisors Room, 104 W State St, Toledo IA 52342.

This meeting will also be available in a Video Meeting on Teams (Link provided with Agenda).

The purpose of this meeting is to review the Comprehensive Land Use Plan survey results and project, and review the Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS) Ordinance draft.

This meeting welcomes public comment, which can be presented during the meeting or in writing before 4pm of the meeting day by presenting it to the Zoning Administrator at 129 W High St, Toledo Iowa 52342 or by email at tlwilson@tamacounty.org

This Notice has been posted in the Chronicle and the Telegraph, and outside the Board of Supervisor's Meeting Room.

If you have any questions, you may contact:
Laura Wilson
Zoning Administrator
641-654-7045
tlwilson@tamacounty.org
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CITY NAME: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF TRAEER - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY CITY #: 86-835
TRAER Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:
Meeting Date: 4/6/2026 Meeting Time: 06:45 PM Meeting Location: 649 2nd Street Traer, Ia 50675

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available) www.traer.com City Telephone Number (319) 478-2580

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2026 - 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2026 - 2027
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	59,378,079	63,923,010	63,923,010
Consolidated General Fund	488,978	488,978	511,074
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	139,416	139,416	139,584
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	99,740	99,740	89,733
Other Employee Benefits	104,727	104,727	89,733
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	59,378,079	63,923,010	63,923,010
Debt Service	325,759	325,759	420,285
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	1,158,620	1,158,620	1,250,409
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	19.51262	18.12524	19.56117
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	378,003	383,822	383,822
Ag Land	1,136	1,136	1,153
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00375	2.95971	3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Residential	926	958	3.46
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial	4.022	4.476	11.29

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and commercial properties have the same rollback percentage through \$150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:
Biggest increase is due to 2025 street projects increasing the debt service levy.

CITY NAME: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF CLUTIER - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY CITY #: 86-826
CLUTIER Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:
Meeting Date: 4/6/2026 Meeting Time: 06:45 PM Meeting Location: City of Clutier Community Room

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available) none City Telephone Number (319) 479-2530

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2026 - 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2026 - 2027
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	4,957,901	5,109,217	5,109,217
Consolidated General Fund	41,498	41,498	42,341
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	14,456	14,456	14,540
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	4,883	4,883	4,395
Other Employee Benefits	4,607	4,607	5,273
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	4,957,901	5,109,217	5,109,217
Debt Service	0	0	0
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	65,444	65,444	66,549
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	13.19985	12.80901	13.02534
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	503,842	505,681	505,681
Ag Land	1,513	1,513	1,519
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00293	2.99200	3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Residential	626	638	1.92
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial	2,721	2,980	9.52

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and commercial properties have the same rollback percentage through \$150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:
Escalating insurance expenses & wage increases. Technology expenses.

TRAER CHECK REGISTER MAR 2026

A.W.E SERVICE	Repairs/Service	141.57
ACES	IT Consulting	1,386.00
AFLAC	Insurance	38.52
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Misc. Library Sup	905.51
AMY VAZQUEZ	Library Cleaning	375.00
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	Insurance	3,998.81
BOND TREE MEDICAL L.L.C.	Ambulance Supplies	147.69
CADEN STUART	Refund	100.00
CHAMPION ENTERPRISES, LLC	Repairs/Service	68.50
CHRIS COOPER	Reimbursement	50.00
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	Publications	96.05
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	Publications	48.02
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	Publications	91.87
COOLEY SANITATION LLC	Garbage	10,874.88
DONNA DEBOEF	Reimbursement	389.73
HOMETOWN FOODS	Misc. Supplies	31.89
HOMETOWN FOODS	Misc. Supplies	8.53
Ingram Library Services	Library Books	618.59
IOWA GEMT PAYMENT PROG	Fees	576.99
IOWA LAND CO.	Refund	100.00
Jeff Dostal	Reimbursement	32.04
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Parts/Supplies	148.09
MASTERCARD	Misc. Supplies	1,123.96
NAPA AUTO PARTS	Parts/Supplies	233.79
PHYSICIAN'S CLAIMS COMP	Ambulance Billing	4,397.45
RACHEL KERN	Mem. Bldg. Cleaning	340.67
SINCLAIR	Fuel	480.60
STOREY KENWORTHY	Office Supply	545.98
TAMAGO, SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Contract	14,360.25
TRAEER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	Life Ins. Reimburse	239.42
TRAEER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	Utilities	11,706.96
TRAEER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	Office Services	9,000.00
TRAEER UNITED METH CHURCH	Refund	100.00
U.S. CELLULAR	Cameras	160.54
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC.	Engineering	1,151.00
WEX BANK	Ambulance Fuel	269.25
WHANNEL'S HARDWARE	Misc. Supplies	28.45
WINDSTREAM	Phones	79.69
WINDSTREAM	Phones	538.82

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IT Consulting	1,386.00
Insurance	38.52
Misc. Library Sup	905.51
Library Cleaning	375.00
Insurance	3,998.81
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