



# TAMA COUNTY

## 911/EMA Services Department

The Tama County Emergency Management Commission Meeting was called to order at 6:47 PM on July 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 by Vice-Chair Holst (Traer) Members present; Mary Wankowicz (Dysart), Gordon Fassett (Clutier), Mary Wankowicz (Dysart), Susan Eberhart (Montour), Mindy Benson EMA/911 Coordinator, Jeremy Cremeans Assistant EMA/911 Coordinator. Members present via Zoom; Pete Holden (Traer) Carri Holst (Traer), Also Present Billie Van Egmond, Chief Jacob Moliter, Brian Staker.

Addition to the agenda by Mindy to add the approval of the budget hearing minutes from February motion by Wankowicz second by Eberhart to amended agenda, all ayes, and motion carried

Motion by Wankowicz, second by Fassett to approve January and February meeting minutes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mindy advised the members present of the class that she and Jeremy attended on the topic of Evacuation and Re-entry for City Leaders. The class had a lot of great information on how to plan and what to do with evacuations that are on the topics of natural disasters, and hazardous materials. It also brought to light that communities need to examine the topic of getting and ordinance on file with the information of who is responsible for ordering mandatory evacuations, who can this this in their absence and when to order a mandatory evacuation, what to do if their community members refuse to leave their homes under a mandatory evacuation. Mindy presented the members present with the draft plan of the Tama County Comprehensive Emergency Management Evacuation Plan as well as the Tama County Emergency Management Plan Crisis Event Response and Recovery Access Procedure. It was asked that she email these plans out to all the cities with the information that she just provided and information about the suggestion of the ordinance for legal purposes.

Disaster Task Force Proposal from Jasper County, Mahaska County, Poweshiek County. Mindy and Jeremy were emailed by Brian Paul the EMA from Poweshiek County asking if Tama County responders and EMA would be interested in joining the Disaster Task force that they have in place in these three counties. This task force is a voluntary commitment; we can join with as many departments as would want to. EMA would be responsible for their deployment to scenes, through requests from other counties. The best part of this group is that if we do have an event we would request them through mutual aid and not have to worry about self-deploying responders. Wankowicz asked Mindy's opinion on this group. Mindy advised that the driving force behind this group came from Josh Harding the Jasper County EM he has been active in the Fire/EMS field for years and has a great solid knowledge of how groups such as this works. This isn't some group that

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### 911 Staff

Director Mindy Benson

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### Dispatchers –

Jackie Lasley  
Michele Taylor  
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was just thrown together without knowledge, skills and abilities behind it. I feel extremely comfortable with the groups that are in it and their design of the program. Mindy will meet with the Fire Chiefs and EMS Directors and propose this group to them and see if they are interested in joining.

Update on the New EMA truck purchase. There has been a letter drafted and sent to Stivers with intent to purchase. The Ford F250 has been ordered and should be delivered in 2-3 months. We have lighting information from RACOM. RACOM has also stated they will install a new radio into the truck for us and keep this listed on inventory and add this to the new radio list for installments under the project.

No Old Business

No New Business

Next regular EMA commission meeting will be October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 following the 911 Service Board meeting.

Motion for adjournment by Wankowicz, second by Eberhart, All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Mindy Benson, Coordinator

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