



# Tama County Communications

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The Tama County 911 Service Board meeting was called to order to order at 6:30 PM on January 9, 2024, by 911 Chair Van Egmond (Dysart).

Members present: Linda Pearson (Clutier), Billie Van Egmond (Dysart), Brian Staker (Montour), Sheriff Kucera, Jason Bina (Tama), Brian Hanus (Tama Alt.), Tyler Sell – via Teams (Traer), Shaun Kennedy – via Teams (Traer Alt.), Daryl Bazal (Vining), Mary Wankowicz (Emergency Management).

Others in attendance: Glenn Thorne and Greg Westwater – (Amateur Radio), Carri Holtz via Teams (Traer) Ryan Goodenbour (EMA Coordinator).

There was an addition to the agenda regarding the election of a member to the executive board. Motion by Sheriff to accept the agenda with addition second by Pearson to approve agenda. Motion Carried

Motion by Staker, second by Bina to approve meeting minutes from October 2023, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Bina, second by Staker to approve Claims. All ayes, motion carried.

## **Old Business:**

Jeremy updated the board on the progress that is ongoing with Verizon Wireless regarding co-locating equipment. We are just waiting for the lease agreement to be finalized. Verizon and the County have agreed on the terms of the lease agreement after being reviewed by legal. Jeremy is on the BOS agenda for early February to have them sign off on the lease.

Contract negotiations will be on January 29<sup>th</sup> and an email has gone out to the executive board that wanted to attend. Jeremy will get an updated time and forward that out.

Tabled items were Prepared Live as Jeremy emailed the sales team prior to the January date explaining that we couldn't meet the January payment date and that at this time we would continue with the free version that is currently in place.

Also tabled was the Ironside systems as Jeremy hasn't had time to get deep into the program and hasn't had time to meet with Toledo Fire regarding possibly joining in on this purchase.

Jeremy advised the board that phone text paging was shut off on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and that there have been a few agencies sign-up for third party applications. Swiss Phone pages and the third-party apps seem to be sending out as expected, though the third-party apps are being received before pagers are being activated. There was a short discussion regarding phone text pages and if they should be turned back on. On top of the reliability issues and when text messages are being received per cell carrier, it was also discussed that this would eliminate the need for Jeremy to maintain the pager lists, turning that

responsibility onto the agency and the third-party company. Jeremy presented a quote from lamResponding for a whole county program which led to additional discussion. Montour made a motion to end the phone text paging as it was unreliable. This motion was then 2nd by Tama. Motion carried. As for 911 purchasing a third-party application with 911 funds, Traer made a motion that each agency is responsible for picking and paying for the third-party application. This motion was then 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clutier. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

With the departure of Gordon Fassett from the 911 board, this leaves an opening in the executive committee. According to the by-laws, the executive committee will consist of no less than 5 members. Chair Van Egmond opened the floor up for volunteers and explained that this board doesn't meet that often and is the one that the Director meets with when an issue arises, oversees evaluations of the Director, and other duties as they come up. Brian Hanus volunteered to be a part of the executive committee and there were no objections voiced from those in attendance.

Jeremy presented an RFP to those present. This is a request for proposals on a new communication center/EOC. Jeremy explained that he used some language from another RFP that was found and tweaked it to fit Tama County and what we are looking for. There was a brief discussion regarding this and the need for a new building. Bina made a motion to accept the RFP as written and to publish this. The motion was seconded by Staker. A roll call vote was completed with the motion carrying.

**Cluiter - Yes**  
**Dysart - Yes**  
**Montour - Yes**  
**Sheriff - Yes**  
**Tama - Yes**  
**Traer - Yes**  
**Vining - Yes**

### **Tama Co Emergency Management – Yes**

Jeremy asked the board to set a policy of allowable spending for the Director as there wasn't anything documented as such. This would be above what was already budgeted for. Jeremy asked for allowable spending to be \$5000. Staker made a motion to this effect. Bina seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Jeremy was approached by Tama EMS to inquire about a mobile radio for their third ambulance. There were two mobile radios that weren't installed initially, one for Lincoln and one for Vining. Vining has a new vehicle and has requested their additional radio which Jeremy will deliver to them. Jeremy explained that he also has a partial radio yet in storage that is unspoken for. Staker made a motion to give the unspoken for Lincoln radio to Tama. Second by Pearson. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be the budget hearing on February 13, 2024, at 6:30pm. Jeremy had printed off budget sheets in the packets for everyone to look over. There will be a joint 911/EMA meeting to follow the EMA budget hearing as well.

Next regular 911 Board meeting will be held Tuesday April 9, 2024, at 6:30PM. Motion for adjournment by Staker, second by Kennedy. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.



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Respectfully Submitted  
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