



# Tama County Communications

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The Tama County 911 Service Board meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM on February 14, 2023, by 911 Chair Van Egmond (Dysart).

Members present: Billie Van Egmond (Dysart), Trudi Scott – via Zoom (Gladbrook), Lee Simcox (Meskwaki Nation), Sheriff Dennis Kucera, Jason Bina (Tama), Tyler Sell (Traer), Shawn Kennedy (Traer), Mary Wankowicz (EMA).

Others in attendance: Glenn Thorne and Greg Westwater – (Amateur Radio), Carri Holtz (Traer).

Motion by Bina second by Sell to approve agenda, motion carried.

Motion by Sell, second by Bina to approve meeting minutes from December 2022, all aye, motion carried.

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

Chair Van Egmond opened the FY 2023-2024 public hearing at 1832. Ryan advised the Service Board that the public notification was published in the approved county newspaper within the required time frame. No public comment was received in the office written or verbal. There was no public comment voiced at the public meeting. Ryan went through the budget and let those present know how he came up with the totals being requested from the county and what is being expected from surcharge monies. Ryan also touched on a couple of the expenditures that were listed. No questions from those present. Chairman Van Egmond closed the public hearing at 6:45S pm. Scott made a motion to approve the FY 2023-2024 budget for 911 as presented, seconded by Bina. Roll call vote was completed, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Tama County Board of Supervisors suggested 911 Service Board lower the salary of the 911 Director from 18% to 8%. Chair Van Egmond conducted a vote per email concerning the budget line item for Jeremy's salary. The motion was made by Sheriff Kucera and seconded by Jason Bina (Tama) that stated, "I make a motion to amend the 911 budget salary portion to 8% rather than 18% for the next fiscal year". The roll call vote was as follows:

EMA-Mary Wankowicz-Yes

Traer-Tyler Sell-Yes

Lincoln Mayor-Trent Wentzien-Yes

Tama-Jason Bina-Yes

Meskwaki-Lee Simcox-Yes

LeGrand-Robert Vokoun-Yes

Toledo-Joe Boll-Yes

Elberon-Alicia Lidtke-Yes

**Old Business:**

Last meeting, Jeremy presented the service board information regarding dispatch wages. There was an email that went out statewide asking for wage comparisons. There were 20-25 counties that responded, and it appears that Tama County is underpaying the dispatch staff. Jeremy also provided wage information from Marshalltown Communications and Benton County. Jeremy explained that during negotiations last year, the Supervisor approved a 3% increase for the Communications Center when they approved a 6% increase for the nonunion employees. There are wage comparisons brought to the negotiation table by both the Union and the County. Jeremy explained that since he has had some staff retire in the last several months, we have a younger crew and feels that there needs to be a little more competitive pay, or we could lose the staff that have completed training. Jeremy continued by saying that the staff that retired had several years with Tama County and were topped out in pay, receiving longevity, and had several weeks of vacation making it more difficult for them to leave. The board felt that it is important to pay the staff what they are worth and agreed with the proposal that was distributed in the packet. Jeremy will go to the Supervisors on Monday January 16<sup>th</sup> to see if they would consider this.

Chair Van Egmond discussed the meeting with the Supervisors. At this time, there was no action taken by the Supervisors.

**New Business:**

No new business to be brought up to the board.

Next regular 911 Board meeting will be held Tuesday April 11, 2023, at 6:30PM. Motion for adjournment by Bina, second by Sell. Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ryan Goodenbour, EMA Coordinator