



**Tama County Emergency Management**  
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The Tama County Emergency Management Commission held a regular meeting on April 13, 2021 that was called to order by Vice Chair Holst at 7:36 p.m.

Member's present were Sheriff Kucera – via Zoom, Mary Wankowicz (Dysart), Joe Boll (Toledo Alt.), Brian Sokol (Toledo), Carri Holst (Traer), Todd Apfel – via Zoom (Vining), Charlie Bidwell (Montour), Dan Anderson (Board of Supervisor)

Other's present were Jeremy Cremeans Interim Coordinator/911 Director, Kendall Jordan, Tyler Sell – via Zoom, Shawn Kennedy – via Zoom, Chief Jason Bina, Billie Van Egmond, Jacob Molitor.

Motion by Kucera to second by Wankowicz to approve the agenda, motion carried.

Motion by Kucera to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2021 meeting Second by Wankowicz. Motion carried.

Motion by Wankowicz to approve the claims presented with a question on the two claims to Tama/Grundy publishing. Second by Sokol, motion carried.

**Old Business**

Vice Chair Holst gave an update on the progress on the coordinator position. She said that interviews were held on Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> with four applicants being interviewed. She advised that she is waiting on hearing back from references on one person which she has received 2 of the 5 back. Once these are received, she will update the committee.

Todd Apfel provided a letter of update on the Hazard Mitigation plan. He was on Zoom however, was experiencing some technical difficulty and couldn't speak to the updates. Jeremy advised that he had emailed the update letter and was anticipating an update from Wood Group which he would email that out to the group once received. There was discussion about how the kick off meeting went, which was well received.

**New Business**

Jeremy provided information regarding the EMA budget. It was determined that there were some calculation errors during the split of EMA and 911 on the budgets. Jeremy met with the Board of Supervisors and Laura Kopsa about a month ago. It was determined that it would be easiest to take half of the county contribution for 911 and give it to EMA which would cover the short fall in that budget. Laura said that the 911 budget looked to be in good shape and that it wouldn't be detrimental to do this. The Board of Supervisors were very appreciative of the flexibility to get this accomplished. Total deposited into the EMA budget was \$85,655.

There was no change to the 911 meeting times so EMA needed no action on this.

Jeremy let the Commission know that WENS Alert Iowa is changing due to the contract ending. RAVE Alerting was selected by the state to provide mass notifications. There is work happening to get things switched over to the new system and the cutover date is July 1<sup>st</sup>. Jeremy also let the Commission know



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that Tama County is currently with IPAWS testing which allows us to send out WEA and EAS messages. This was needed to be current to switch vendors. MOA's have been signed and sent on to FEMA as well.

There was no other business brought before the commission.

The next regular Emergency Management Commission meeting will be May 11, 2021 directly following the 911 Service Board meeting.

A motion was made by Kucera to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.. Second by Bidwell. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Cremeans