



Tama County Communications

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The Tama County 911 Service Board meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM on March 11, 2025, by 911 Chair Van Egmond (Dysart).

Members present: Billie Van Egmond (Dysart), Sheriff Schmidt, Joe Boll (Toledo), Matt Deam (Garwin), Tyler Sell (Traer), Mary Wankowicz (Emergency Management), Alicia Lidtke (Elberon), Lee Simcox (Meskwaki Nation), Trudi Scott (Gladbrook), Brian Hanus (Tama), Shaun Kennedy (Traer) Bob Vokoun (Legrand), David Turner (Supervisors), Phil Summers (Gilman), Brian Staker (Montour), Linda Pearson (Clutier).

Others in attendance: Ryan Goodenbour (EMA Coordinator), Julie Hoskey, Greg Westwater, and Eric Stormo.

Motion by Vokoun to approve the agenda and second by Pearson to approve the agenda.
Motion Carried

Motion by Simcox, second by Wankowicz to approve February meeting minutes, all aye, motion carried.

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

Old Business:

Sheriff Schmidt brought up the discussion of safety at the radio towers. There was a rekey that was done by RACOM to reduce the number of keys. A motion was made to go head with the combination mechanical locks by Staker, Seconded by Boll. Motion Carried.

New Business:

Van Egmond states that the Meskwaki Nation Contact for dispatching is supposed to be reviewed each year. The rate is based on population. The population will be updated when a new census comes out

There are two open full-time dispatcher positions. One position is being taken by a on call dispatcher and the other is being filled with interviews being held.

RACOM stated there was an FCC license that is not being used with Van Egmond's approval RACOM went ahead and expired that license.

There are two applications for the director's position. Applications being sent to Van Egmond. The Executive Committee will be conducting interviews in the last week of March. A motion to approve the hiring process of the new director by Simcox. Seconded by Summers.

Eric Stormo was present to request tower space on the Tama South tower for residential internet. No action was taken.

A motion to sell the 911 pick up on a consignment action by Sheriff Schmidt. Seconded by Vokoun. Motion Carried.

RACOM's Waterloo shop emailed Ryan regarding talk giving talk groups to Black Hawk County fire agencies. A motion to give Event 3 by Wankowicz. Seconded by Simcox, Motion Carried.

Access Systems reached out to Ryan about updated the printers in the Communication Center and Office. The printers are outdated and with updating the printers, a cost savings would occur. A motion was made for 911 and EMA to share the cost 50/50 split. Motion by Sell, Seconded by Staker. Motion Carried.

The next regular 911 Board meeting will be held Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 6:30 PM. Motion for adjournment by Sheriff Schmidt, second by Simcox. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Ryan Goodenbour, Emergency Management Director