



Tama County Communications

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The Tama County 911 Service Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM on April 8th, 2025, by 911 Chair Van Egmond (Dysart).

Members present: 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), Jason Bina (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 Glenn Thorne, and Zach Little.

Motion by Boll to approve the agenda with amendment of moving regular meeting and EMS status check were added to the agenda and second by Bina to approve the agenda. Motion Carried

Motion by Wankowiz, second by Pearson to approve March meeting minutes, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Vokoun, second by Pearson to approve Claims. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:

Sheriff Schmidt does not have an update on the new locks at the tower sites. Schmidt stated he will reach out to RACOM.

Sell stated the old 911 pickup sold for \$4,900 at Spanky's consignment auction.

Van Egmond stated an email from Eric Stormo regarding space on the tower sites. Stormo stated the 911 Service Board must put his equipment on the tower site due to federal law since they were federal towers. In conversation, since the towers are not federal towers, they are owned by the county. The 911 Service Board can decide what is allowed on the towers. A motion was made by Sell, to deny the request for allowing the equipment request from Eric Stormo. Seconded by Summers.

New Business:

Van Egmond wanted to mention Telecommunicator Appreciation week is April 1-19. She asked the board to say thank you for all the work they have been doing especially the last few months.

Van Egmond stated the 911 Annual PSAP expenditure report was turned into the state by March 31st.

Van Egmond brought up the idea of having status checks being done for EMS. The discussion lead to doing it for all agencies after 20 minutes.

Van Egmond stated interviews have been done for the 911 director. The executive board suggests Jacob Reineke as the 911 director starting out at \$65,000 with an increase after six months of probation. A motion made by Simcox, seconded by Staker.

A motion by Bina to change the meeting back to quarterly starting in July. Seconded by Pearson. No discussion.

The next regular 911 Board meeting will be held Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 6:30 PM. Motion for adjournment by Staker, second by Pearson. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Ryan Goodenbour, Emergency Management Director