



Tama County Communications

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The Tama County 911 Service Board email meeting was called to order via email by 911 Service Board Chair Billie Van Egmond (Dysart) at 5:45 PM on 6/11/2025.

Members present via email: Casey Schmidt (Sheriff), Matt Deam (Garwin), Tyler Sell (Traer), Mary Wankowicz (Emergency Management), Alicia Lidtke (Elberon), Levio 'Lee' Simcox (Meskwaki Nation), Jason Bina (Tama), Robert Vokoun (Legrand), David Turner (Supervisors), Jason Kaplan (Belle Plaine), Dixie Forcht (Chelsea), Billie Van Egmond (Dysart)

Others in attendance: Jacob Reineke (911 Director)

New Business:

Van Egmond sent an email to the 911 Service Board members stating that the 911 Communications Center needs a new recorder. This recorder is a vital piece of equipment to operations as it holds recordings of all phone calls in and out of the Sheriff's Office and radio recordings on all talkgroups on the SARA system used by Tama County. The current recorder is a little over 10 years old and will no longer be able to be serviced. 911 Director Reineke has been in touch with Wahltek, the vendor for the Eventide Recorder, who provided Reineke with a quote for the basics, plus additions and maintenance options. Reineke reviewed the additions and conferred with outside agencies who have the same software/equipment, and chose options based on Tama County's best interest. Tama County is able to take advantage of a 20% discount on the base equipment if the 911 Service Board approves the purchase before early July.

A motion was made by Simcox via email at 6:12 PM on 6/11/2025. Seconded by Bina via email at 9:04 PM on 6/11/2025 to purchase the Eventide recorder with a 4-year maintenance plan at the price of \$66,731.00.

On 6/12/2025, Chair Van Egmond sent an email to all Tama County 911 Service Board members requesting an "aye/nay" vote with a deadline of 5:00 PM on 6/13/2025.

Votes returned via email:

Jason Bina (Tama): AYE

Levio "Lee" Simcox (Meskwaki Nation): AYE

Casey Schmidt (Sheriff): AYE

Alicia Lidtke (Elberon): AYE
Mary Wankowicz (Emergency Management): AYE
Tyler Sell (Traer): AYE
Jason Kaplan (Belle Plaine): AYE
Matt Deam (Garwin): AYE
Dixie Forcht (Chelsea): AYE
Billie Van Egmond (Dysart): AYE
Robert Vokoun (LeGrand): AYE

As of 6/13/2025 at 5:00 PM the motion passed to allow the Tama County 911 Communications Center to purchase a new Eventide Recorder with add-ons and maintenance agreement for \$66,731.00.

The next regular 911 Service 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,

Jacob Reineke, Tama County 911 Communications Director