



Tama County 911 Communications

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911 Service Board Minutes: May 19, 2026 FY 2025/2026 Public Budget Amendment Hearing

The Tama County 911 Service Board meeting was called to order by 911 Service Board Chair Billie Van Egmond (Dysart) at 6:32 PM on Tuesday, February 10th, 2026, at the Dysart Fire Station. Shortly after the meeting began, members joined the meeting online, creating a quorum.

Members present in person: Billie Van Egmond (Dysart – Chair), Kendall Jordan (Toledo), Wankowicz (EMA Representative), Tyler Sell (Traer – Vice Chair), and Casey Schmidt (Sheriff)

Members present via Microsoft Teams: Wayne Nekola (Gladbrook), James Slack (Meskwaki – Alternate), Matthew Deam (Garwin), Dwight Gliem (Grundy Center), Linda Pearson (Clutier), Chris Smith (Tama),

Others in attendance: Jacob Reineke (911 Director)

Agenda additional item: Director Reineke requested that Chair Van Egmond add an agenda item regarding encrypting 86_Law1 and TTPD_1 in new business.

Agenda Approval: A motion was made by Wankowicz (EMA) to approve the May 19, 2026, meeting agenda with an additional item and seconded by Jordan (Toledo). All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Budget Amendment Hearing for FY 2025-2026:

Public Hearing was **opened** by Chair Van Egmond (Dysart) at 6:33 PM.

Reineke took this time to further explain the necessity for a \$70,000 budget amendment for the current FY. He stated this is more of a safety net to ensure the Communications Center runs smoothly for the remainder of FY, especially if any surprises come up.

Upon hearing no public or board members' remarks (both in person and on Microsoft Teams), the public hearing was **closed** by Chair Van Egmond (Dysart) at 6:35 PM.

Note: Public hearing information was published with the May 8, 2026, meeting agenda and published in the Tama-Toledo News Chronicle and North Tama Telegraph newspapers. The proposed budget amendment was also published on the Iowa Department of Management website.



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FY 2025-2026 budget amendment discussion: Chair Van Egmond (Dysart) again asked the board if anyone had questions for Director Reineke on the proposed budget amendment.

Chair Van Egmond advised the 911 Service Board that the budget amendment requires a motion to approve it for FY 2025-2026.

A motion was made by Sell (Traer) to approve the proposed budget amendment for FY 2025-2026. Seconded by Pearson (Clutier). Chair Van Egmond (Dysart) advised a roll-call vote would be necessary for this. Votes for this motion were as follows (noted by community represented):

- Chelsea: Absent
- Clutier: AYE by Pearson
- Dysart: AYE by Van Egmond
- Elberon: Absent
- Garwin: AYE by Deam
- Gladbrook: AYE by Nekola
- Lincoln: Absent
- Meskwaki Nation: AYE by Slack
- Montour: Absent
- Tama County Sheriff: AYE by Schmidt
- Tama: AYE by Smith
- Toledo: AYE by Jordan
- Traer: AYE by Sell
- Vining: Absent
- EMA Representative: AYE by Wankowicz
- Belle Plaine: Absent
- Gilman: Absent
- Reinbeck: Absent
- Grundy Center: AYE by Gliem
- La Porte City: Absent
- Le Grand: Absent

Chair Van Egmond (Dysart) advised the board that the vote received all “AYES.” Motion carried.

Expense requests: The Tama County 911 Director must seek board approval for expenses exceeding \$5,000.

4th Radio Console Integration: Director Reineke requested approval for \$9,187.50 to RACOM of Marshalltown to fully integrate another radio system position on the RACOM SARA network that Tama County is a part of. Tama County has five of these radio positions, with 3 currently in full-time use and the 4th console serving as a backup in the Director’s office. RACOM quoted this to purchase licenses to allow the console to access full-system encryption, activate/deactivate outdoor warning sirens, and control building auxiliary controls. Reineke stated that this is a one-time expense.

Sell (Traer) requested that Reineke inquire with RACOM about what we have been paying for with the maintenance agreement with the 4th and 5th consoles thus far. RACOM’s Service Manager, Mike Kasper, had told Reineke there would be no additional cost to the yearly maintenance agreement to activate this console and that this cost was to enable all the



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features of the console. This item was tabled for now. Director Reineke will verify with RACOM on these details and report back to the Board.

Prepared/Axon 911 Assistive Call Taking Software: Director Reineke addressed the board about enhancing the capabilities of the current Prepared 911 Suite that Tama County has used for the last three years. Tama County 911 Communications is in year three of three with Prepared 911 (which has been acquired by Axon, now called “Axon 911”), a software solution that has proven essential to the Communications Center's daily functions, and requests to continue that contract for another 60 months (five years), with additional perks being added to the current subscription. The current annual expenditure is \$5,000, but with software additions, the annual expenditure over the next 5 years would be \$9,500 and will not increase during this contract period. In the first year, there is an additional one-time fee (\$2,400) for installing equipment that integrates with the Shared Services (Zetron) phone system Tama County uses for administrative/emergency calls.

Year 1: \$11,900

Year 2: \$9,500

Year 3: \$9,500

Year 4: \$9,500

Year 5: \$9,500

Axon 911 has addressed concerns Reineke has with future funding and legislative ideas that may impact the Tama County Communications Center. Axon 911 shared that there is a non-appropriation clause in the contract that allows Tama County to cancel the contract if they are unhappy with the services provided or the allocated funding for the software subscription is no longer available.

Schmidt (Sheriff) inquired if other agencies have started to use this software in Iowa. Reineke advised that he has been in talks with the Dubuque County Communications Center as they implemented the entire Axon 911 suite, and they have good remarks on it. Other counties in the state are signing up, same as Tama County, but have not started to use the software full-time yet.

A motion was made by Jordan (Toledo) to approve the purchase of the Assistive Call-Taker Software from Axon 911 in addition to the subscription services already received. Seconded by Schmidt (Sheriff). All ayes. Motion carried.

Radio encryption requests: Director Reineke has spoken with local law enforcement entities about encrypting Law 1 and TTPD_1. These talkgroups (channels) are the primary operational talkgroup for the Tama County Sheriff’s Office, Tama Police Department, Toledo Police Department, Dysart Police



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Department, and Tama County Conservation. Reineke has spoken with law enforcement command staff from all affected departments, and they were all in favor of this change.

Reineke spoke to RACOM about this and there is no cost to Tama County to make this change. These changes will be implemented during the yearly reprogramming with RACOM this summer that is included in the radio system contract to ensure all responders are appropriately equipped going forward.

Law_1 and TTPD_1 will be shared with public safety partners, same as it is shared now (both in and out of the county), but with the added layer of security to protect the sensitive information dealt with.

Law_2E and TTPD_2E will be shared with in-county law enforcement only.

A motion was made by Sell (Traer) to approve encrypting Law_1 and TTPD_1 during reprogramming this summer. Seconded by Wankowicz (EMA). All ayes. Motion carried.

Chair Van Egmond (Dysart) shared that the next regular 911 Service Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 6:30 PM at the Tama County Engineer's Office Meeting Room and via Microsoft Teams.

A motion for adjournment by Schmidt (Sheriff), seconded by Jordan (Toledo). All ayes. Motion carried.

The Tama County 911 Service Board budget amendment hearing and meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacob Reineke". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jacob Reineke, Tama County 911 Communications Director