

Tama County E911 Service Board Minutes
August 9, 2011

Members:

Board of Supervisors	Kendall Jordan
Sheriff	Not Present
Chelsea	Roger Ochs (P)
Clutier	Not Present
Dysart	Steve Weekley (P)
Elberon	Not Present
Garwin	Not Present
Gladbrook	Keith Sash (P)
Lincoln	Not Present
Montour	Not Present
Tama	Dan Wilkens (A)
Traer	Mike Skopec (P), Carol Waltemate (A)
Toledo	Joe Boll (P), Jeff Harnish (A)
Vining	Not Present
Meskwaki Police	Chris Knouse
LeGrand	Not Present
Emergency Management	Ryan Currens, Julie Vokoun

Public: Brian Randall (Toledo PD), Bob Kesl Sr. (Elberon)

Call to Order: E911 Service Board meeting was called to order at 711PM by Chairman Boll.

Agenda: No additions or comments were voiced. Motion to approve agenda by Weekley, second by Wilkens. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes: No comments or corrections were voiced. Motion by Sash, second by Weekley to approve July 2011 regular meeting minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Claims: Julie noted claims that were not recurring. No other comments or questions were voiced. Motion by Knouse, second by Wilkens to approve the claims list as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Activity Report:

Emergency Bylaw Amendment

Ryan advised he had been notified by the State that there were several issues of concern in our 911 Bylaws that needed attention to keep us in compliance. Ryan requesting Board approval to open the Bylaws to make the emergency changes needed. Motion by Weekley to open the 911 Bylaws for emergency changes, second by Wilkens. Roll call vote—all representatives present aye. Motion carried. Ryan advised the Board it was suggested that some contradictory language be removed from Article 5. In addition, there were also some issues with the membership list. Julie advised it appeared when Roxane sent the Bylaws into the State after they were approved by the Board last year that she sent in the draft copy instead of the amended copy as some of the issues of concern are not present in the amended copy. It appears the only change that needs to be made is to add Meskwaki to our list of voting members which was omitted by clerical error. The Board approved them as a voting entity by majority vote during the August 10, 2010 regular Board meeting.

Ryan briefed the Board on upcoming events and other pertinent issues that are being worked on.

Plain Text Switch

Ryan advised the Board that the Department of Public Safety is strongly encouraging the transition from 10 codes to clear text, however, it is not federally mandated unless agencies are involved in a mutual aid situation. After a discussion regarding the way 10 codes were used by the different emergency services around the county, the Board agrees that we will continue to phase in clear text overtime, but will maintain 10 code training for dispatchers.

New Business:

2nd Part Time Dispatch Position Filled

Ryan advised the Board that Sadie Weekley was hired as the 2nd part time dispatcher and was already on duty. Her training time will be minimal as she previously worked as a full time dispatcher for Tama County.

“No Lights/No Sirens” Requests

Harnish stated that he doesn't believe the public should dictate how emergency services respond to calls. After discussion of how different agencies and services responded to such requests, it was agreed that dispatchers would continue to advise emergency services of the patient's request for no lights or sirens, however, the patient would also be advised that the way the emergency service responded would be up to that service. Boll suggested putting something in the next newsletter in regard to this issue.

Meskwaki Dispatch Contract

Ryan advised we were currently in the process of renegotiating the dispatch contract with the Meskwaki Police Department. Outside counsel suggests that the contract be reviewed yearly. Ryan also advised that the Meskwaki Tribe would like to be considered for voting membership on the EMA Commission as well.

Next Full Board Meeting Date & Time: Tuesday, October 11th, 2011 at 7PM. The Executive Board will meet Tuesday September 13th at 7PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Wilkens, second by Ochs to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Vokoun, Assistant Coordinator