



TAMA COUNTY

911 Services Department

The Tama County Emergency Management Commission meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM on January 13th 2015 by Chairman Svoboda (Toledo). Members present: Kendall Jordan (Board of Supervisors), Sheriff Dennis Kucera, Gordon Fassett (Clutier) Joe Boll (Toledo), Bob Kesl Jr (Vining), Kurt Kelly (Chelsea) and Mary Wankowicz (Dysart) both present on conference call. April McIntire (Emergency Management). Also Present Steven Weekley, Joe Dvorak, Rick Raymond, Mike Skopec.

Motion by Jordan, second by Wankowicz to approve the agenda. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Jordan, second by Wankowicz to approve minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Jordan, second by Kucera to approve claims. All aye. Motion carried.

Nomination of Jordan as Vice Chair by Kucera, second by Boll, All aye. Motion carried.

Nomination of member at large was tabled until we have all appointment forms returned from cities for the Emergency Management Commission.

Mindy discussed the budget that will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on 1/14/2015, member's reviewed the budget that was provided, no one had any comments or concerns. Budget hearing will be set for February 3rd 2015 at 7:30PM in the Board of Supervisors Chambers. A snow date was set for February 10th in case of weather related issues.

Mindy gave the board members an update on the Hazard Mitigation plans that Region6 are currently working on. Region6 will be setting up a meeting with all school districts, cities and county organizations the first part of February.

Examination of definition of a quorum in the current EMA Commission by-laws was discussed. Motion by Wankowicz, second by Kesl to change the definition of a quorum to read: "A quorum for the purpose of voting shall consist of 51% of the represented commission members. A quorum for the purpose of holding a commission meeting will also be the majority of the total membership positions filled at the meeting. Any decisions decide by the quorum as stated here shall constitute the action of the entire Commission." All aye. Motion carried.

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Jordan informed the board that NIRG (Northeast Iowa Response Group) has changed their billing practices. Now instead of NIRG paying the bill for a HazMat spill they will send out bills to the County EMA's. It will be the responsibility of the County to go after the spiller for reimbursement.

Glenn Throne was present from Amateur Radio in Tama County to present the board with background on Amateur Radio and how he feels they would be a benefit to Tama County EMA. Thorne was also asking for board approval to place a repeater on the main tower and space in our equipment racks. Thorne is currently perusing private donations for the purchase of an amateur radio repeater. With the repeater that Throne will be obtaining there are two options for the equipment, it can either be donated to Tama County EMA and maintenance will be provided by Amateur Radio users. Or the second option could be that the local Amateur Radio Club owns the equipment and licenses. There were several questions posed to Throne about liability and insurance. This issue was tabled at this time until Thorne will do further research and report back to the board. Mindy will reach out to Benton County EMA and Sheriff to ask them how this program works in their County.

Mindy reported that the FirstNet Presentation that was to be provided by the State of Iowa has been postponed until March. No specific date has been chosen.

Old Business, Mindy again discussed with the board members the new notification system that the State of Iowa is offering to all counties in the state free of charge. I was asked of the board members if they are on board to join the system and cancel our County CodeRed notification system at the end of our contract in May. There was a motion by Kucera, second by Jordan to join the statewide notification system. All aye. Motion carried. Mindy will start the process with the state to join the system.

No new business

Next meeting date is April 14th 2015 at 7:30pm or immediately following the 911 service board meeting.

Motion by Jordan, second by Kesl to adjourn. All aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Respectfully Submitted, Mindy Benson, Coordinator



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