



# TAMA COUNTY

## 911 Services Department

The Tama County Emergency Management Commission meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM on April 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 by Chairman Svoboda (Toledo). Members present: Kendall Jordan (Board of Supervisors) Sheriff Dennis Kucera, Gordon Fassett (Clutier), Mary Wankowicz (Dysart), Keith Sash (Gladbrook), Bill Eberhart and Susan Eberhart (Montour), Bob Kesl Jr (Vining). Also present Joe Dvorak, Carol Waltemate, Mike Spokec, Jeremy Cremeans, and Glenn Thorne.

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

Motion by Kesl, second by Eberhart to approve minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Sash, second by Wankowicz to approve claims. All aye. Motion carried.

Election of Member at large and Vacant executive board member was discussed no volunteers.

Mindy updated commission members that we are currently getting caught on the hazard mitigation planning we have held two meetings with Marty Wymore and Region 6 as well as the Cities and School Districts in Tama County. We will have our third planning meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm at the Reinig center here in Toledo anyone and everyone is welcome to attend.

Glenn Throne with amateur radio was present and invited all board, committee members and EMA to attend the amateur radio field day that will be held on June 27<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup> at Otter Creek Park. There will be 6 county amateur radio clubs present that will be set up and operating for a 24 hour period as a disaster drill. Glenn requested that EMA Trailer be set up on site as well. The board members discussed this and decided that it would be a good decision to have EMA and the trailer present. Mindy and new EMA Assistant Jeremy will be in attendance to the field day. Also discussed was the request from Glenn about placing a repeater for amateur radio on the main tower for communication purposes to assist Tama County EMA/911 during disaster response. Glenn had reached out to other agencies with amateur radio clubs to see how they handled issues with insurance on equipment. In Benton County their EMA owns all amateur radio equipment; Dallas County the club owns the equipment. Grundy County it is individually owned. Mindy also stated that she spoke to Benton County EMA Scott Hanson about how they work with amateur radio. Scott stated

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when they started amateur radio in Benton county they went too big to fast they placed repeaters and realized after they were operational that they should have started smaller and after some time they scaled back. Benton County now has a county wide amateur system only. They can communicate just outside the fringes of Benton county into surrounding counties. Scott's suggestions were to start small, start by setting up plans with amateur radio clubs, they can operate within your response trailer when a disaster strikes, and they would have enough signal strength to communicate from the scene of your EOC. Then if there is enough growth in the club then you can start branching out from that point on. it was Mindy's suggestion to start small have the club start in the response trailer figure out where the club can place their antenna on the trailer with our any interference with our antenna, write procedures and go from there. This item will be under further review and discussion at a later time.

No Old Business

No new business

Next meeting date is July 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 7:30pm or immediately following the 911 service board meeting.

Motion by Wankowisz, second by Kesl to adjourn. All aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully Submitted, Mindy Benson, Coordinator



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