



# TAMA COUNTY

## 911 Services Department

The Tama County Emergency Management Commission meeting was called to order at 8:06 on October 13<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), Susan Eberhart (Montour), Carri Holst (Traer), Mindy Benson (EMA/911 Coordinator), Jeremy Cremeans (EMA/ 911 Assistant Coordinator), others present Mike Skopec, Carol Waltemate, Glenn Thorne, Dave Burger.

Motion by Wankowicz, second by Holst to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wankowicz, second by Eberhart to approve minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sash, second by Jordan to approve claims. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mindy explained to the Commission members, that Don Shroyer with the Guard Emergency Situational Awareness Contact (GESAC), was unable to attend tonight's meeting but wanted to provide information about what Don will bring to Tama county as our GESAC contact. Their primary function as GESAC for Tama County is to provide situational awareness to the Guard Emergency Operation Center (EOC) at Camp Dodge regarding any emergency that may occur such as floods, tornados, blizzards and ice storms, acts of terrorism, etc. This is important as it allows the Guard to start preparing for potential requests that may come through the State Emergency Management Office from the Tama County Emergency Management Office. This allows the Guard to begin planning for whatever resources are potentially going to be requested. This greatly decreases the time it takes the Guard to be on site once it has been requested by the State EOC.

Mindy updated commission members that we are currently 2 Executive Board members short. The bylaws state that we shall have a 7 member Executive board that is composed of a Chairperson, Vice Chair, County Board of Supervisor member, Sheriff, and 3 members at large. Current members are Dave Svoboda (chair), Kendall Jordan (Board of Supervisor, Vice Chair), Dennis Kucera (Sheriff), Kurtis Kelley (Member at Large), and Mary Wankowicz (Member at Large). Nomination by Sheriff Kucera for Gordon Fassett for one vacancy. Second by Wankowicz. All ayes. Motion carried. There was a second nomination by

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### 911 Staff

Director Mindy Benson

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Jackie Lasley  
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Holst for the second vacancy of Pete Holden, second by Sheriff Kucera. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review of the Executive Committee meetings was address by Mindy. She informed the Committee that two people had voted in favor of the verbiage change to the by-laws, no one else voted. Article VIII-Meetings Section I will now read:

THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION EXECUTIVE BOARD SHALL MEET AS NEEDED.

This change has been made in the by-laws as well.

Mindy provided the board with an update on the Hazard Mitigation Plans. On October 12, 2015 the Tama County Board of Supervisors passed resolution number 10-12-2015A adopting the Tama County, Iowa Hazard Mitigation Plan 2015-2020. This plan was submitted to the state originally in August, the state had come back with very minimal changes. The changes were promptly made and at that time it was presented to the Board of Supervisors for their approval. Now Mindy and Jeremy along with Region 6 will be going to the communities of Tama County to present the plans for their approval and adoption as well. Mindy advised that she believes this will take a few months to accomplish, and if any of the communities would like a copy of the plans for their review to please contact her or Jeremy and we would be happy to provide them with a copy.

Mindy and Jeremy presented to the board that they had been invited by the Marshall County EMA to attend a meeting about the possibility of creating an eight county technical response. The counties this included are: Tama, Grundy, Hardin, Marshall, Story, Boone, Poweshiek, and Jasper. This response team we believe was the idea of the Marshalltown fire chief to see if there was a need for a response team for the technical response efforts of high angle, trench rescue, water rescue, and confined space. Jeremy and Mindy stated they have attended two meetings that had been scheduled thus far. During the meetings it had been discussed that the departments of Marshalltown and Grinnell asked to get a list of what equipment each department has. No departments in Tama County returned the list, and very few departments across the other counties returned this equipment list as well. During the second meeting attendance was significantly lower. It was also determined that all departments have sufficient equipment and that we should focus on what hazards we have in our perspective counties. Many important questions have been asked during these meetings and many questions still remain. At this time Mindy and Jeremy have been communicating with our



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local fire departments and none of them have shown any interest in this proposed team at this time.

No Old Business

New business-On November 7<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at the Civic Center in Tama there will be a NuStar pipeline safety awareness and emergency response program training, it will last approximately 2 hours, breakfast will be provided. For registration information contact the EMA office. On October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Mindy and Jeremy will be in Des Moines for the Iowa Homeland Security Conference. Then on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Mindy and Jeremy will both be in Ames for the HazMat Symposium at the Fire Training Bureau.

Next meeting date is January 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 7:30pm or immediately following the 911 service board meeting.

Motion by Sheriff Kucera, second by Wankowicz to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Mindy Benson, Coordinator



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