



# TAMA COUNTY

## 911 Services Department

The Tama County E911 Service Board special meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM November, 27<sup>th</sup> 2018 by Chairman Boll (Toledo).

Members present: Gordon Fassett (Clutier), Trent Wentzien (Lincoln), Sheriff Dennis Kucera, Don Weitzell (Tama), Carol Waltemate & Tyler Sell (Traer), Mindy Benson EMA/911 Coordinator, Jeremy Cremeans Assistant EMA/911 Coordinator. Also Present were Kendall Jordan, members present via phone Jason Bina (Tama) and Alicia Lidtke (Elberon) and Mary Wankowicz.

Motion by Fassett, second by Waltemate to approve agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mindy opened up the meeting by letting the members present know that she had met with the Board of Supervisors on October 29<sup>th</sup> during that meeting she had presented the RACOM/SARA network information she had to the BOS (Board of Supervisors) along with the proposals. The BOS asked that she look for other vendor offers or proposals. The BOS also informed Mindy that even though they are asking her to find other vendor offers or proposals the decision on which proposal and vendor ultimately does fall upon the Tama County 911 board to decide.

The 911 Board Member present discussed a wide variety of items that have been presented to them in the past by RACOM, items discussed were;

Guide towers and self-standing towers which vary in price, guide towers are approximately \$170,000, self-standing towers are approximately \$200,000. Installed on the ground. This price is minus any equipment shelters, the refurbished shelters which are recommended by RACOM are running approximately \$25,000-\$30,000. They are previously used as cellular equipment shelters; they are all highly refurbished shelters that they use at all of their towers for all of their current build outs. Also an added cost will be fencing, as well as any power that needs to be ran to the site, and generators that will need to be 25Kw.

The question was raised what is the current Sheriff Office Channel coverage? The current cover is at 38% coverage on the current system, on the SARA system there would be a minimum of 95% coverage.

The question was also raised as to where the Benton county towers were located at? They are currently placed in Van Horne, Belle Plaine, Norway, Urbana, Mt Auburn, and Vinton. It was questioned if any of the Benton county towers would be a benefit to the Tama County area. Mindy stated at this time Benton County has not made any decisions as to if they were going to join the SARA network so that question could not be determined. In the future if they would there could be some additional coverage if they joined but as for right now we need to focus on where to place towers in our county for the optional coverage.

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After the discussion there was a motion by Chair Boll for a 5 tower site radio system, all towers to be owned by Tama County. Motion Second by Weitzell. All ayes, motion passed.

The discussion then moved into old portable and mobile radios, the suggestion was made that if agencies would like to trade in their old radios for the new they are welcome to, if not they can keep their old ones and then purchase beyond what they will be provided. Mindy asked the members if she and Jeremy could come up with a fair and reasonable number for portables for each Fire and EMS department, the members present agreed. All law enforcement will be provided radios for each officer as well as fair number of spare radios. Mobile radios will be for each vehicle that we currently have numbers for. Currently we have counts of 379 portables and 128 mobiles. Prior to purchasing of any radios we will obtain current and accurate counts of mobiles.

Mindy and Jeremy will also check with other counties that have gone on the SARA network to see how they have done county paging to see if they have done base stations for each fire department or if they have found an way to do paging for individual departments, rather than purchasing base stations for all 12 departments.

There was also discussion on Meskwaki Nation Police Department and their portion of the radios, and how to handle the area of the bond. Motion was made by Fassett to present to them the same proposal as the dispatch contract with a breakdown of the how the bond numbers would be for their community per citizen over the lifetime of the bond for their y early payment. Second by Wentzien. All aye, motion carried. Mindy will formulate the calculation and contact Chief Schrock with the information.

No further information was up for discussion motion for adjournment by Weitzell, second by Fassett, meeting adjourned at 8:22PM



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