



TAMA COUNTY

911 Services Department

The Tama County E911 Service Board special meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM February 18th 2020 by Vice Chairman Van Egmond (Dysart).

Members present: Gordon Fassett (Clutier), Joe Dvorak (Elberon), Brian Staker (Montour), Sheriff Dennis Kucera, Chief Jason Bina (Tama), Shaun Kennedy & Tyler Sell (Traer), Kendall Jordan (EMA) Members Present via Zoom Alicia Lidtke (Elberon), Tyler Sell (Traer), Mindy Benson 911/EMA Coordinator, Also Present Mary Wankowicz, Brian Sokol, Charlie Bidwell, Present via Zoom, Pete Holden, Carrie Holst.

Motion by Dvorak second by Kennedy to approve agenda, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Staker, second by Kennedy to approve meeting minutes from July all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Fassett, second by Kennedy to approve claims, all ayes, and motion carried.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Bina to open public hearing, All aye. No public present for comments no comments received in the EMA/911 office, Motion by Sell, second by Kennedy to close public hearing, all aye, public hearing closed.

Mindy advised E911 budget was published on 03/05/2020 in the Tama News Herald, which no more than 20 days and no less than 10 days from the date of the Public Hearing. Mindy gave an overview of the budget pointing out any increase or decrease as well as reasons why changes were made. No comments, questions, or concerns have been received through the 911 Office.

Yes vote from; Clutier, Dysart, Elberon, Montour, Sheriff, Tama, Traer, Not Present; Chelsea, Garwin, Gladbrook, Lincoln, Meskwaki Nation, Toledo, Vining, Legrand, Belle Plaine, Gilman, Reinbeck, Grundy Center. Motion carried. E911 budget passed.

Mindy & Kendall Jordan explained to the members present on the progress of the Tama County Radio Project. We are still holding bi-weekly progress calls. At this time we are still waiting for all of the paperwork to come back from all of the entities to move forward with the land acquisition. That should all be hopefully returned by the end of the month. Once that is finalized we will purchase the land and start with the tower builds. The County, EMA/911 has moved forward with the purchase of the equipment that has been ordered and will be assembled and tested at the RACOM facility in Marshalltown. RACOM does have an aggressive timeline for our project so as long as we do not have any major project issues we may possibly be communicating on the system by the end of this summer. Mindy stressed that is if everything goes according to plan and without any major issues such as weather and any other unforeseen issues.

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911 Staff

Director Mindy Benson

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Mindy informed the members present that we will need to hold a special meeting for a budget amendment due to expended funds from carry over that were utilized for the purchase of equipment. The next installment to RACOM for the radio equipment totaled \$995,392.81. Tama County paid 200,000. Tama County 911 will pay \$422,894.81 from carry over funds, Tama County Emergency Management will pay \$372,498.00 from carry over funds. Mindy will schedule the budget amendment meeting for the second or third week in March dependent on the publication timeline.

Next item on the agenda is the vacated 911 Assistant Director position. Mindy stated she wanted to bring this topic to the Board for discussion to see if they wanted to leave the job the way that it was or if they were open to take the EMA/911 office in a new direction. We had discussed the topic in the past of splitting the 911 Director and Emergency Manager Job duties and the board/Commission had decided to leave the two jobs as one. Mindy had discussed with the Board that there are difficulties trying to run what should be two full time jobs as a single full time job. Jeremy had been taking on many of the 911 roles prior to his resignation. After much discussion there was a motion by Sheriff Kucera to split the roles of 911 Director and Emergency Manager, making these two different jobs and job descriptions. Motion second by Kennedy. Further discussion on the topic is for Mindy to get a 911 Director Job description that would fit the need for Tama County. Dennis stated he would ask other Counties for their 911 Director Job descriptions.

Mindy informed the Board that she received a written complaint from Montour Fire Chief Loyce Staker in regards to an address in the 3000-Blk of F Ave from a call on January 9th 2020 for a report of smoke in the home. Mindy informed members present that Chairmen Boll wanted this letter to be on the agenda and unfortunately he was not able to be present at tonight's meeting. She also let members present know that previous Tama Fire, Toledo Fire and Montour Fire Chiefs met with their Township Trustee's information on their jurisdictional boundaries and it was determined that this portion of F Ave. that does fall on the Meskwaki Settlement is in fact Toledo's response area. Montour's response area starts to the west of F Ave. The information that we have in the CAD for Dispatch is correct and factual. Brian Staker Montour 911 Representative was present for this conversation, he is also the Assistant Fire Chief for Montour.

No Old Business

No New Business

Next regular 911 Board meeting will be held Tuesday April 14th, 2020 at 630PM. Motion for adjournment by Sheriff Kucera, second by Fassett, meeting adjourned at 7:28PM

Respectfully Submitted

Mindy Benson, Coordinator



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