



Tama County Communications

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The Tama County 911 Service Board meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM on November 10, 2020 by 911 Chair Boll (Toledo).

Members present: Joe Boll (Toledo), Brian Staker (Montour Primary), Sheriff Dennis Kucera, Trent Wentzien (Lincoln), Chief Jason Bina – via Zoom (Tama), Shawn Kennedy – via Zoom (Traer Primary), Billie Van Egmond – via Zoom (Dysart), Kendall Jordan (Emergency Management) Jeremy Cremeans (911 Director).

Also in attendance: Tyler Sells (Traer Alt), Charlie Bidwell (Montour Alt.), Mindy Benson (Emergency Management Coordinator).

Motion by Staker second by Sheriff to approve agenda, motion carried.

Motion by Sheriff, second by Staker to approve meeting minutes from September 8, 2020 all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Staker, second by Sheriff to approve Claims. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:

Jeremy gave the update on the SARA radio project. The tower construction phase of the project is nearing completion. All the new sites have been erected except for Traer and that is expected to be completed by the end of next week. There was an error on the Garwin site that was noticed after the tower was fully stacked so the contractors will be back this week to correct that. They are still expecting a completion date of November 19th for the tower sites.

Jeremy received communication from FCTC in Dysart of interest in leasing tower space at the Vining site for internet service. They would need to investigate whether this would be a suitable location to service their customers in the rural areas around Clutier. Though not on the meeting agenda, the board said to advise FCTC they can begin work on their end to see if this would be suitable and that we would bring this up as a future agenda item if they determine it appropriate.

Jeremy included quotes from RACOM on the Vining tower move and the demolition of the existing site. Jeremy told the board that this would all be submitted to insurance as the damage was due to the derecho. It was noted that there was new equipment quoted for the Vining site as after having the tower inspected, it was determined to be a complete loss. This new equipment will be able to be transitioned as interoperability communications once the switch over has been made to the SARA system.

Disposition of tower standby generators was brought up for discussion. There was a short discussion about how to dispose of these after the completion of the radio project. Jeremy brought up again that if the generators were to be gifted, they must be used for the receipt and/or disposition of 911 calls. Otherwise, they would need to be sold and the proceeds would need to be deposited back into the 911

budget. Sheriff made a motion to put them out for sale by sealed bid. A short discussion ensued which led to Sheriff withdrawing his motion. Wentzien made a motion to offer them to Tama County Responders and if there is no response received, to bring this back to the board for further action. Second by Montour. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business:

Jeremy brought up the County ordinance regarding the Uniform Rural Address System. It was discussed that there has been work previously done on this as the state removed the "enhanced" portion from E911 just making it 911. Also, since the Emergency Management and 911 office has separated, this needed changed in the ordinance. A sheet with changes was provided in the packet of information. The members present thought the changes looked appropriate. Montour made a motion to take these changes to the Board of Supervisors. Second by Lincoln. All ayes, motion carried.

Jeremy brought up changes to the 911 Service Board bylaws with the separation of the 911 and Emergency Management office. This was noticed as a letter was being typed up for the annual city appointments. Because this was a bylaw change, there would have to be a public hearing. Jeremy will get the notice to the paper for the meeting on December 8, 2020.

Jeremy informed the board that Courtney Rivera has been hired in an on-call position and is currently an on-call Jailer for the Sheriff's Office. She has started her training but with some absences in the jail, she has been working up there and not training in the Communications Center as we have to balance her hours out.

Next regular 911 Board meeting will be held Tuesday December 8, 2020 at 630PM. Motion for adjournment by Lincoln, second by Staker. Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM

Respectfully Submitted

Jeremy Cremeans, Director