



# Tama County Communications

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The Tama County 911 Service Board meeting was called to order to order at 6:30 PM on December 08, 2020 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), Billie Van Egmond (Dysart), Matt Deam – via Zoom (Garwin), Kendall Jordan (Emergency Management) Jeremy Cremeans (911 Director).

Also in attendance: Charlie Bidwell (Montour Alt.), Mindy Benson (Emergency Management Coordinator) Dan Anderson (Tama County Board of Supervisor).

Motion by Van Egmond second by Staker to approve agenda, motion carried.

Chairman Boll opened the public hearing on the proposed bylaw changes at 6:33 PM. Publication was done in the Tama Toledo News Chronical to meet the requirements for public notification. Jeremy explained that these changes were brought on due to the separation of the Emergency Management and 911 offices. Copies of the bylaws were included in each packet with changes marked in red. No public comment was voiced or received by the Director prior to the meeting. Chairman Boll closed the public hearing at 6:35 PM. Sheriff made a motion to accept the changes to the bylaws as presented and to waive the second and third reading, second by Wentzien. Roll Call vote was completed, Motion carried.

Motion by Staker, second by Van Egmond to approve meeting minutes from November 10, 2020 all aye, motion carried.

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

Old Business:

Jeremy gave the update on the SARA radio project. All towers are now at full height and the civil work continues. The needed notifications have been made to the FAA since the towers are at full height without proper lighting. Still waiting on electrical inspections to occur before getting the towers on pole power. Equipment is arriving and being stored at the EMA shed as well as RACOM in Marshalltown until it is ready to be installed at the tower locations. Electrical components are starting to be staged in Marshalltown for testing and acceptance. Vining and the Engineer sites are still top priority to be completed. Clint with RACOM advised that he is still waiting on some microwave equipment to arrive for the Vining site. Most of the equipment has been moved out of the chicken coop at the Engineer site into the new shelter. The move went smooth with only a few minor setbacks that were quickly resolved.

Disposition of tower stand-by generators. Jeremy received interest from Dysart Fire and EMS, Toledo PD, and Traer Fire. Iowa Rural Water Association (Gladbrook) has also shown interest in purchasing the

generator that is currently at the Gladbrook site. We will need to have these at the current sites until we cut over to the new system.

New Business:

Jeremy inquired as to the frequency of service board meetings for 2021. The members present thought it would be good to continue with them monthly until the radio project is completed and then go back to holding them quarterly. If there are no agenda items to discuss then, it would be appropriate to not hold that month's meeting.

Jeremy brought up that during his hiring process, the board would like to have a six-month performance evaluation done and then look at the salary. Chairman Boll thought that it would be appropriate to have a committee come together to perform the evaluation and bring it to the next board meeting which was agreeable by those in attendance. The committee will consist of Sheriff, Boll, and Van Egmond.

Next regular 911 Board meeting will be held Tuesday January 12, 2021 at 6:30PM. Motion for adjournment by Staker, second by Van Egmond. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeremy Cremeans, Director