



# Tama County Communications

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The Tama County 911 Service Board meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM on March 9, 2021 by 911 Chair Boll (Toledo).

Members present: Joe Boll (Toledo), Brian Staker (Montour Primary), Chief Jason Bina (Tama), Shawn Kennedy – via Zoom (Traer), Billie Van Egmond (Dysart), Mary Wankowicz (EMA), Mark Fink (Gladbrook), Alicia Lidtke (Elberon), Matt Deam – via Zoom (Garwin), Jacob Molitor – via Zoom (Meskwaki Nation), Todd Apfel – via Zoom (Vining Alt.) Sheriff Dennis Kucera (Sheriff), Jeremy Cremeans (911 Director). Also in attendance: Kendall Jordan (Toledo Alt.) Tyler Sell (Traer Alt.), Carrie Holst, Tammy Wise (Tama County Human Resources).

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

Motion by Van Egmond, second by Kucera to approve meeting minutes from January 19, 2020 all aye, motion carried.

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

## Old Business:

Jeremy gave the update on the SARA radio project. Work on the tower has for the most part been completed. Traer is still without line power which they will be working on to get connected. The old Vining tower equipment has been moved to the new Vining tower location is transmitting and receiving radio traffic. We have identified some lighting issues as the Garwin and Tama south sites which the contractors are working to correct. Notification to the FAA has been completed. RACOM is still working with Best Services to get a schedule for generator delivery. Jeremy let the group know that Clint has taken a position in the Engineering department at RACOM, and John Lauer is now our contact for service. His contact information was included in the packet. John has been working without our equipment since we went to RACOM and is familiar with our operation. From our last conference call, it appears that our “go live” date has not been pushed into July. This is because of equipment delays coming in from our vendors. We are still looking at a late March time frame for our staging acceptance procedure.

Jeremy updated the board on the GeoCom mapping / Iowa shared services and that we will be having a site survey completed tomorrow 3/10/2021 and will hopefully have more information for the next meeting. Dennis and Jeremy went through some of the options during a conference call with Zetron representatives. It appears that we do have some options still available to us with the shared services, most notably, the cost of the service agreement. Jeremy also said that there could be some advantages as this would also help with the possibility of EMD initial costs and training being paid. Jeremy said that he believes that there will be a push for this soon.

## New Business:

Jeremy met with an electrician from Hawkins Electric Marshalltown about disconnecting the unused generators at the sites. It appears that we will be able to do this at the Vining and Engineer sites as we won't have equipment there. Mike Jones said that he would be able to quote us a price for the Traer site. Contact will be made with RC Systems prior to doing this to coordinate this and make sure they have notice of our intent to remove the generator, so they have time to make needed adjustments.

Jeremy let the board know that he will be meeting with the Board of Supervisors to discuss selling the old Vining tower site on Monday March 15. The power has been disconnected at this site.

Jeremy let the board know that the windshield in the blue Ford is cracked from either chipping away at the ice or some other damage. The crack is from bottom to the top and needed replaced. The truck is scheduled to go to Hamilton's for repair. The windshield had just been replaced because of storm damage.

Next regular 911 Board meeting will be held Tuesday April 13, 2021 at 6:30PM. Motion for adjournment by Van Egmond, second by Sheriff. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeremy Cremeans, Director