



Tama County Communications

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The Tama County 911 Service Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM on May 11, 2021 by 911 Chair Boll (Toledo).

Members present: Billie Van Egmond (Dysart), Alicia Lidtke (Elberon), Jacob Molitor (Meskwaki Nation), Brian Staker – via Zoom (Montour), Dennis Kucera (Sheriff), Shawn Kennedy – via Zoom (Traer), Tyler Sell – via Zoom (Traer Alt.), Joe Boll (Toledo), Kendall Jordan (Toledo Alt.), Todd Apfel – via Zoom (Vining), Bob Vokoun (LeGrand), Mary Wankowicz (EMA)

Others in attendance: Larry Thomas, Dan Anderson, Marie Carlson

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

Motion by Staker, second by Vokoun to approve meeting minutes from May 11, 2021, all aye, motion carried.

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

Old Business:

GeoComm Mapping was tabled as Jeremy noticed some changes that needed to be made with the quote provided. Changes include lowering the amount of AVL units and adding another workstation. More will be brought up at the next meeting.

Shared Services was discussed. Marie Carlson with RACOM was present via Zoom to answer any questions. Jeremy let the board know that there were extra 911 funds that will be divided amongst the 113 PSAP's in the state. The last figure that was talked about brings this amount that Tama County would receive to around \$50,000.00. Jeremy said that this money would be used to pay for the shared services that Tama County would be responsible for. Jeremy said that with the addition of EMD, to accept shared services, the county would save money along with other maintenance agreements that the state would now pick up. It is the recommendation of Jeremy to accept the shared services. Van Egmond made a motion to accept shared services, second by Staker. Motion carried.

SARA radio project continues. Jeremy gave an update to the service board that work continues at the Garwin site. During tower checks it was noticed that Traer and Engineer site still don't have generators on site and not sure what the delay is. We will need a generator at the engineer site before the temporary power can be disconnected. Jeremy will follow up with RACOM on this. Electrical work is being started in Vining inside the shelter starting with wiring up the power plant. Will begin work on the Courthouse tower possibly tomorrow morning. There was a delivery hold up with an 8 ft dish that was supposed to go to Garwin and was taken to another project and the replacement hasn't arrived yet. RACOM is hoping that this will arrive sometime soon with Garwin completion June 8 or 9.

Full-time positions for the Comm Center have been advertised.

New Business:

Jeremy asked the service board to purchase mobile routers for the 911 vehicle and presented a quote from RACOM for this. Jeremy explained that the AVL system that the county was using has become obsolete with many agencies not installing these when new rigs are purchase and put into service. The service of the system isn't predictable or reliable. The officers are now using IP based AVL which the Comm Center has access to. Jeremy wanted this to apply to the 911 vehicle as well. This will also allow for a fixed mobile hotspot in the vehicle. There was some question about the 5-year IoT essentials plan was for. This is a service that users pay into that ensures network endpoints stay connected and protected and updated with the current software. A service agreement with Cradlepoint support. There was some discussion about this with a motion by Sheriff Kucera to move forward with the purchase of the most cost-effective option, second by Van Egmond. Motion carried.

Jeremy brought up to the board that he is looking into purchasing a 3 console to be placed in the Communications Center. Diana with RACOM had come over and took preliminary measurements and what was wanted. This would need to be a custom item because of the tight quarters. Diana said that this would cost somewhere around \$10,000 - \$15,000. Vokoun suggested that there were many carpenters in the area and that they should be contacted to make a desk. There was some discussion on this. Jeremy will bring back more information to the next board meeting.

Next regular 911 Board meeting will be held Tuesday July 13,2021 at 6:30PM. Motion for adjournment by Van Egmond, second by Vokoun. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeremy Cremeans, Director