



# 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 January 19, 2021 by 911 Chair Boll (Toledo).

Members present: Joe Boll (Toledo), Brian Staker (Montour Primary), Sheriff Dennis Kucera), Gordon Fassett (Clutier), Chief Jason Bina – via Zoom (Tama), Shawn Kennedy – via Zoom (Traer), Billie Van Egmond – via Zoom (Dysart), Matt Deam – via Zoom (Garwin), Jacob Molitor – via Zoom (Meskwaki Nation), Todd Apfel – via Zoom (Vining Alt.) Jeremy Cremeans (911 Director).  
Also in attendance: Charlie Bidwell (Montour Alt.), Kendall Jordan (Toledo Alt.) Tyler Sell (Traer Alt.),

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

Chairman Boll opened the public hearing on the 911 budget at 6:31 PM.

Publication was done in the Tama Toledo News Chronical to meet the requirements for public notification of no less than 10 days and no more than 20 days. Jeremy went through the budget items explaining the amounts proposed. It was explained that FY 2021-2022 budget figures were very much based off last years expected budget. There was no public comment received in the meeting or in the office prior to the meeting. Director's six-month evaluation was discussed. Chairman Boll advised the members present that Jeremy's review was incredibly positive and that he has been doing a good job. Board Members involved in the review process were, Sheriff Kucera, Billie Van Egmond, and Joe Boll. Chairman Boll, on behalf of the evaluation committee, recommended an increase in salary of 2% effective tonight and a 4% increase in July which would bring the director's salary to \$51,979.20 annually July 2021.

Chairman Boll closed the public hearing at 6:55 pm. Motion by Staker to approve the 911 budget as proposed. Second by Fassett. Roll call vote was completed hearing all aye, motion carried.

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

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

Old Business:

Jeremy gave the update on the SARA radio project. Work on the tower continues. Vining has passed electrical inspection and REC will be out next week to install the meter as they were bust this week. We will then start to move the equipment from the old vining site to the new and get that on the air again as soon as possible. Work also continues at the Traer site. The electrical meter box has been installed and other electrical work has been in progress. Garwin and Tama South are the sites that are currently being worked on to complete the civils work. Installing the pads and electrical meter boxes as well as the ice bridges. The security fence will then be installed once both sites are ready. Padlocks have been purchased for every site and will be placed by RACOM when keys have been distributed. The new

generators are in and we are waiting on an install schedule from Best Services, Cedar Falls. The EMA shed is full of equipment. We will start to have the remaining deliveries sent to the tower sites as needed. We have also been using the Sheriff's "block house" to store some of the equipment that was delivered on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Equipment is starting to be staged at RACOM in Marshalltown for the acceptance and testing process. During the last conference call, it was discussed about deploying the paging system before the radio system is complete. This will allow for both the DiCal paging and current paging to be in operation to work out and kinks. We are still looking at a June cut over date which is subject to change.

New Business:

Jeremy provided information to the board on an upcoming required upgrade to the Communications Center mapping service with GeoComm. This is due to Microsoft no longer supporting Silverlight October 2021. There are two different paths to take with this with a six-year commitment. Total cost over the six years would equal \$45,340 for the GeoComm Maps option and \$38,840 for the dispatch map option. Jeremy also mentioned that he would like to check into the states shared services program as they are paying for different features and programs. To get a complete picture of what services they are offering and how it would benefit Tama County, Jeremy needed to go ahead to file the notice of intent form to the state to get the study done. Jeremy will provide more information at an upcoming board meeting. It was decided to wait on the GeoComm update until we get information on shared services.

Jeremy let the board know that the Communication Center has implemented RapidSOS. This is an additional web-based tool used to help locate wireless 911 callers with phone-based location and wearables. Along with the location, it will provide additional information from Apple Emergency Data and Google ELS Data. There are also third-party apps that users can create accounts for and enter information that will forward to the Communications Center when calling 911. This service is provided to us for free and has been integrated into our current mapping software. This does not replace the current information that we already receive.

Next regular 911 Board meeting will be held Tuesday February 9, 2021 at 630PM. Motion for adjournment by Staker, second by Sheriff. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeremy Cremeans, Director