

Tama County EMS Association

March 12, 2023

The meeting was called to order and the first order of business was to elect officers. A motion was made by a Clutier representative to keep the officers as is, and the motion was seconded by a Dysart representative. The officers will remain with Julie Scadden as President, Billie Van Egmond as Vice-President, Greg Johnson as Treasurer, and Jeremy Cremeans as Secretary.

The minutes from the previous meeting were not available.

A discussion was led by Julie Scadden on how the Association will be moving forward with getting EMS recognized as an essential service and funded by the county. The tentative plan is that over this next year, all the services in Tama County will need to gather statistics to present to the public and the County Supervisors and then possibly have a public vote in the year 2024. Greg Johnson and Billie Van Egmond stressed that every member of a service will need to start to educate the public on this matter.

Julie Scadden informed the members present that the service directors met and completed a system survey that the State of Iowa requested. By completing this system survey, Tama County will receive money from the state. Goals were set by the service directors and the Tama County Action Plan will need to be implemented in the year 2024.

The director of the Tama County Public Health department, Shannon, is requesting that each EMS service in the county send her some statistics that she can use to apply for a grant. Some suggested statistics would be paid personnel vs. volunteers, calls per department, and any other statistics to show how EMS helps the public.

Greg Johnson requested that the Association comes to an agreement on a new policy to be brought to the Tama County 911 department. The policy would be to have the local fire department be automatically paged with EMS if the reason for dispatch is that the person is having cardiac arrest. The members present agreed that the policy would benefit the county EMS.

Greg Johnson also announced that SIM-IA will be in Toledo on March 13, 2023 and a sign up sheet was passed around. Julie Scadden announced that a PHTLS course would be held in Dysart on March 25 and 26, 2023.

A motion was made by a Dysart representative to adjourn the meeting and seconded by a Traer representative. Meeting adjourned.