

**Tama County Essential Services Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes July 11, 2024**

The Tama County Essential Service Advisory Board Meeting held a meeting on July 11 2024, that was called to order by Chair Scadden at 6:30 p.m.

Member's present were Julie Scadden, (TCEMSA), Billie Van Egmond (Dysart EMS), Alcia Lidtke (Elberon EMS), Shawn Kennedy (Traer EMS), Kern Kemp (Gladbrook-Lincoln EMS), Sherry Parks (Garwin EMS), Greg Johnson (Toledo EMS), Sharon Knoop, (Clutier First Responders), Mike Buchanan (Montour First Responders), Jeremy Cremeans (911 Director & Tama EMS), Ryan Goodenbour (EMA Coordinator).

Member not present were Jimmy Hicklin (Tama EMS), Shannon Zoffka (Tama County Public Health), Polly Hineman, (Public member) and Ken Tanner (Public member).

Guests in the attendance were Ruby McAllister (TR Newspaper), Luther Heller (Montour First Responders), Berleen Wobeter (Supervisor Candidate – Toledo), and Ronda Edwards (Clutier First Responders).

No minutes to approve due to the first meeting for the Advisory committee.

Scadden reviewed Essential Services bill and actions taken to date including resolution 5-20-2-24A which was signed by Board of Supervisors; Advisory board was approved by BOS and seated at this 1st meeting. Alternates are being requested at this time to be approved by BOS at future date to ensure services always have a representative.

Advisory board purpose/mission was reviewed as outlined by Bill File 615; to advise the BOS as to the amount to be requested as the tax levy to be placed on the ballot in November and to be the body that reviews the use of the money each year by the EMS services and reports to the Board of Supervisors should the tax levy pass.

Anna from North Benton Ambulance was present as the President of Benton County EMS. Benton County successfully passed the EMS tax levy in 2023 and Anna shared how they went about determining how much they would ask for, how they educated their public on why they needed the money and what the tax would mean for each service and what the basic plan for use of the money would be. In Benton County the primary plan is to standardize how EMS will be run: Same cardiac monitors, same cots, eventually same Ambulances and each First responder unit would have the same equipment (AEDs) that would be compatible with the transporting ambulances equipment (cardiac monitors). Additionally, education includes initial classes taught in county and money to cover continuing education for all EMS. Anna provided a copy of a survey they sent out to their services and offered for us to use their template to help us determine our cost needs also.

The advisory committee elected Julie Scadden as Chair. Motion by Van Egmond, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

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The advisory committee elected Van Egmond as Vice Chair. Motion by Scadden, seconded by Cremeans. Motion carried.

The advisory committee elected Ryan Goodenbour as Secretary/ Recorder. Motion by Van Egmond, seconded by Kennedy. Motion carried.

The committee discussed the survey results of the countywide survey were discussed. Around 1000 responses were returned. At this time we have approximately 70% approval for a tax with the respondents mostly in the 40-60 and 60-80 yr. old age range; which are usually the most dedicated voters.

Each service representative was asked to determine the needs and wants of their service to improve the overall capability of their service. There was also a discussion on a five year plan, ten year plan and a fifteen year plan about what the money would be spent on.

The overall discussion on how the money would be gathered would be through property tax under the suggestion of the Tama County Auditor. Along with the suggestion, some tax information was provided below:

Levy per 1,000 FY 25 Valuation 1,180,129,187

0.65000	767,083
0.68000	802,487
0.70000	826,090
0.72000	849,693
0.75000	885,096

Scadden discussed public education before the election. The amount the advisory board would like to request needed to be approved 60 days before the election. The advisory committee agreed to start in October since it will be in the forefront for everyone when the election comes.

Next meeting will be July 18, 2024

Adjourned at 7:52 pm Motion by Van Egmond, seconded by Cremeans. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Goodenbour, Secretary

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