

**Tama County Essential Services Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes July 18, 2024**

The Tama County Essential Service Advisory Board Meeting held a meeting on July 18, 2024, via Zoom, 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), Alicia Lidtke (Elberon EMS), Shawn Kennedy (Traer EMS), Greg Johnson (Toledo EMS), Sharon Knoop, (Clutier First Responders), Mike Buchanan (Montour First Responders), Jeremy Cremeans (911 Director) Jimmy Hicklin (Tama EMS), Ryan Goodenbour (EMA Coordinator), Randie Bradigan (Dysart Alt), Kathy Vavroch (Gladbrook-Lincoln EMS, Alt.), Shannon Zoffka (Tama County Public Health and Ken Tanner (Public member).

Member not present were Polly Hineman DO, (Public member) and Sherry Parks (Garwin EMS).

Minutes were approved from July 11 meeting, Motion made by Van Egmond, Seconded by Cremeans. Motion Carried.

Scadden discussed survey results for communities and cities concern to improve each community. The discussion led to asking for 75 cents per \$1,000.

Dysart and Toledo shared their proposed plan with three percent inflation for the 5-, 10-, and 15-year plans. The main changes were increased paid full time and part time staff with a decrease in volunteers.

The financial discussion started with Hicklin stating the transfers by Tama will be help lower the deficit of their service, but it will be hard to determine with years to come.

Scadden asked all the services to investigate what each service will look like in 5, 10, and 15 years. What will they need to keep the service operating most effectively.

Scadden asked the first responder agencies on how they are responsible for paying insurance, workman comp., liability, and fuel. Responders received \$10 a meeting, and officers of the agency receive \$150 a year.

Van Egmond mentioned the current funding from Tama County could go away if Essential Service Tax is approved.

Dysart and other agencies that border Benton County might be eligible their funds. Benton County is looking into how that process would work.

County verse Service discussion started with priorities of each service would need. Scaddan mentioned the difficulty of standardizing all the services due to the large area of the county along with having seven transporting services

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Development of materials for public education were determined to be put on hold until a dollar amount was established.

Lidtke discussed the soil makeup of Tama County, the county will not generate as much tax revenue as Benton County does.

No vote was held on tax amount since a asking dollar amount has not been determined.

Scadden suggested to reach out to Tama County Economic Development or city economic development to help with outreach.

From the survey, there was not much interest in town meetings. Scadden also suggested reaching out to community organizations to help with outreach.

Johnson volunteered to start on the marketing process.

Next meeting will be July 25, 2024

Adjourned at 7:30 pm Motion by Johnon, seconded by Knoop. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Goodenbour, Secretary

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