

**Tama County Essential Services Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes August 8, 2024**

The Tama County Essential Service Advisory Board Meeting held a meeting on August 1, 2024, via Zoom, that was called to order by Chair Scadden at 6:30 p.m.

Member's present: Julie Scadden, (TCEMSA), Billie Van Egmond (Dysart EMS), Greg Johnson (Toledo EMS), Mike Buchanan (Montour First Responders), Randie Brodigan (Dysart Alt), Kern Kemp (Gladbrook-Lincoln EMS), Sherry Parks (Garwin EMS), Ronda Edwards (Clutier Alt), Shannon Zoffka (Tama County Public Health), and Todd Banes (Elberon Alt) Shaun Kennedy (Traer EMS),

Member not present: Jeremy Cremeans (911 Coordinator), Alicia Lidtke (Elberon EMS), Kathy Vavrock (Gladbrook-Lincoln EMS, Alt.), Jesse Brown (Toledo Alt.), Luther Heller (Montour Alt.), Polly Hineman DO, (Public member, south), Sharon Knoop, (Clutier First Responders), Alea Dvorak (Traer Alt.). Jimmy Hicklin (Tama EMS) Ken Tanner (Public member, north), Ryan Goodenbour (EMA Coordinator)

Public present: Berleen Wobeter

Minutes were approved from August 1, 2024 meeting with corrections, Motion made by Kennedy, Seconded by Johnson. Motion Carried.

Scadden stated we should put all the service deficits into one document showing the deficits for each service into one document for 5/10/15 years for when we present for the board of supervisors. Johnson stated that we should do a total for all EMS for the county when we do public information.

Scadden asked if anyone wanted to change the priority list that was made at the last meeting; how it was worded, additions or subtractions or how the priorities were listed. The consensus was the list was fine how it was. Scadden requested that dollar amounts be placed to each of the items listed for reference data so that could show that the cost for each prior is today if asked. EX: What do you think it would take to pay stipends to help incentivize volunteers to your service, cost of initial classes. Tasks were assigned to various members of the advisory council.

Scadden talked about how the First responders operating costs were different as there were most operating costs than equipment costs so we would need to look at their situation differently.

Johnson shared the marketing flyer with the quote for two-sided printing: \$263 for 1000. Discussed having 3000 printed plus having the template that each member having their own template to print themselves. This could be sent out in water-bills and left in stores for dissemination to the public. Discussion on who would pay for the printing- Tama County EMS Association possibly would pay for it. Billie stated the Tama County Economic Development has stated a desire to help up with the so let's see if they would be willing to help pay for some of this before the association does.

Vote on quote for printing the flyer at a cost of \$263 per 1000 motion by Van Egmond, Second by Kennedy – motion carried.

Discussed the need to have discussions with our local city councils after the amount of the levy is finalized with the board of supervisors that this tax money will not ever be enough to take that

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place of funding for the ambulance service by the city. Additionally, it was discussed that this will also be invoicing the county to receive the money so this process will be in the form of reimbursement, therefore ambulance budget will still need city budgets.

There has been some inquiry as to the function of this council concerning term limits and mission/function. Scadden stated that at this time our function has been and will continue to be to assess county EMS needs, make the recommendation to the board of supervisors as to the amount of the tax levy to be placed on the ballot in November, to be a source of education and information to the public prior to the election concerning the tax levy.

IF the levy passes, the function of the advisory council changes and at that time, we will have to re-evaluation the need for some kind of bylaws, term limits and moving into the mission of the council as outlined in 615 Section X 455D.

August 15 – Make the determination and vote of the tax levy to advise the Board of Supervisors to place on the tax levy. August 19 we are on the agenda for the board of supervisors and need to be there at 0830.

Board of Supervisors meeting: August 19, 2024 – 08:30

Adjourned at 7:20 pm Motion by Johnon, seconded by Buchanan. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Scadden, Chair

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