

**Tama County Essential Services Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes August 15, 2024**

The Tama County Essential Service Advisory Board Meeting held a meeting on August 15, 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), Todd Banes (Elberon Alt), Jeremy Cremeans (911 Coordinator), Sharon Knoop, (Clutier First Responders), Alea Dvorak (Traer Alt.), Alicia Lidtke (Elberon EMS), Ryan Goodenbour (EMA Coordinator), Jimmy Hicklin (Tama EMS), and Shaun Kennedy.

Member not present:, Kathy Vavrock (Gladbrook-Lincoln EMS, Alt.), Jesse Brown (Toledo Alt.), Luther Heller (Montour Alt.), Polly Hineman DO, (Public member, south), Ken Tanner (Public member, north)

Minutes were approved from August 8, 2024 meeting with corrections, Motion made by Cremeans, Seconded by Lidtke. 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.

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.

Van Egmond discussed Tama County Economic Development would help the advisory committee in any way possible with marketing materials

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.

A vote of the tax levy to advise the Board of Supervisors to place on the tax levy for August 19. Johnson made the motion to ask for 75 cents per \$1,000. Seconded by Kemp. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:20 pm Motion by Knoop, seconded by Kennedy. Motion carried.

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Next meeting will be held September 12, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Goodenbour, Secretary

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