

**Tama County Essential Services Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes January 16, 2024**

The Tama County Essential Service Advisory Board Meeting held a meeting on January 16, 2025, that was called to order by Chair Scadden at 6:32 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), Ronda Edwards (Clutier Alt), Sharon Knoop (Clutier First Responders), Sharon Knoop, (Clutier First Responders), Ryan Goodenbour (EMA Coordinator), Shaun Kennedy (Traer), Sherry Parks (Garwin EMS) Jimmy Hicklin (Tama EMS), Alicia Lidtke (Elberon EMS), and Alicia Lidtke (Elberon EMS).

Members not present: Kathy Vavrock (Gladbrook-Lincoln EMS, Alt.), Luther Heller (Montour Alt.), Polly Hineman DO, (Public member, south), Ken Tanner (Public member, north), Shannon Zoffka (Tama County Public Health), and Todd Banes (Elberon Alt).

Member of Public: David Turner, Don Linnenberink, Kendall Jordan, Dirk Henle, and Ryan Craun

Minutes were approved from December 5, 2024, meeting minutes, Motion made by Johnson, Seconded by Kennedy. Motion Carried.

Scadden opened the floor for public comments.

Public Comments open: 6:37 pm.

Public Comments: Don Linnenberink asked if 28E agreements gets cancelled how is the ambulance service money going to be spent.

Public Comments close: 6:44 pm.

The discussion opened with Wright County, on how they were allocating their funds. Wright County disturbs funds at 75cents per \$1,000 and percent of calls. More of the funds are allocated for transport services. Forty percent of the funds are being used for an EMS Coordinator with a fly car to help with first responder services and transporting service based out of the hospital. A lot of counties are modeling their counties EMS Essential Service funding process from Wright County.

Ida County used dispatched call volume for the allocation of funds. Ida Grove primarily transports from the hospital. Since the transports are mostly out the hospital, Ida Grove does not take as much from the funds since they are hospital based.

Benton County is discussing standardizing the three ambulance services. Benton County is still working on getting the allocation of funds figured out.

Hicklin discussed the Belle Plaine service area in Tama County. During that discuss, it concluded gentlemen agreements were made throughout the county with nothing in writing or officially recorded. The discussion led to reviewing the service area of the out of County service area. Those out of county service area for further review are Gilman, Grundy Center, Reinbeck, La Porte City, and Belle Plaine.

Van Egmond led the discussion of allocation of funds to keep a zero percent reserve, ten percent, or a ten percent reserve with out of county reserve. Van Egmond encouraged the

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services to look at the priorities of their services. This tax levy is not replacing the city's budget it is meant to supplement the ambulance service.

Scadden discussed the process of acquiring the funds needs to have documentation according to law.

Kemp mentioned getting a stipend for crew members and asking how to request the funds for the stipend. The funds can be requested at any time after the taxes are collected.

Parks was looking at the current county distribution of funds to all the EMS services. A question was raised on how Montour was getting more than Garwin. At one time, Montour was a transporting service. Montour is now a first responder service.

Scadden discussed how often the members should be reappointed. The Tama County Board of Supervisors have the ultimate decision on how each member should serve.

Scadden discussed replacing the north and south public members due to the low attendance rate. There is also a need for alternates for the public members since the tax dollars are being spent the public needs to be involved.

Adjourned at 7:48 pm Motion by Van Egmond, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held February 20th, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Goodenbour, Secretary

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