

**Tama County Essential Services Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes February 20, 2025**

The Tama County Essential Service Advisory Board Meeting held a meeting on February 20, 2025, that was called to order by Chair Scadden at 6:05 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.), Shannon Zoffka (Tama County Public Health), and Todd Banes (Elberon Alt) Ronda Edwards (Clutier Alt).

Member of Public: Jared Barker, Cindy Pattee, David Eilander, Elana Johnson, Jesse Quail, Trudi Scott, Chris Heasley, Chris Harris, David Turner

Minutes were approved from January 2025, meeting minutes, Motion made by Van Egmond, Seconded by Buchanan. Motion Carried.

Scadden opened the floor for public comments.

Public Comments open: 6:08 pm.

No public comments.

Public Comments close: 6:09pm.

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 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 needed to have documentation according to law.

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. The board needs to decide how long each officer should be serving on the board as well.

Scadden discussed replacing the north and south public members due to the low attendance rate. There is also a need for primary and alternates to represent the public since the tax dollars are being spent the public needs to be involved. The board is currently working on getting a new member from the north and south end of the county.

Scadden led the discussion for guidelines on how the funds were being distributed to each agency. A request should come from the agency to the advisory board. Once the request is approved it would go to the Board of Supervisors to be allocated to the requesting agency.

Scadden mentioned the township taxes would go away since the EMS Tax Levy is being put on property taxes.

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Scadden stated the Advisory Board needs to figure out how the out-of-county agencies are going to receive their share of the money. It was discussed patient care should be the top priority over getting money for each service area.

Adjourned at 6:55 pm Motion by Van Egmond, seconded by Parks. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held February March 20th , 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Goodenbour, Secretary

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