

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

The Tama County Essential Service Advisory Board Meeting held a meeting on March 20, 2025, that was called to order by Chair Scadden at 6:08 p.m.

Member's present: Billie Van Egmond (Dysart EMS), Alicia Lidtke (Elberon EMS), Shaun Kennedy (Traer EMS), Kern Kemp (Gladbrook-Lincoln EMS), Sherry Parks (Garwin EMS), Greg Johnson (Toledo EMS), Jimmy Hicklin (Tama EMS), Sharon Knoop (Clutier First Responders), Mike Buchanan (Montour First Responders), Ryan Goodenbour (EMA Coordinator), Randie Brodigan (Dysart Alt), Ronda Edwards (Clutier Alt), Luther Heller (Montour Alt).

Members not present: Kathy Vavrock (Gladbrook-Lincoln EMS, Alt.), Jesse Brown (Toledo Alt.), Alea Dvorak, (Traer Alt.), Shannon Zoffka (Tama County Public Health), and Todd Banes (Elberon Alt)

Member of Public: Debbra Stamp, Chris Harris, David Turner, Cindy Pattee, David Eilander.

Minutes were approved from February 2025 meeting minutes, Motion made by Johnson, Seconded by Lidtke. Motion Carried.

During the role call, Sherry Parks mentioned Public Health Director has resigned and a rumor has been going around Tama County Public Health is closing their doors. Supervisor Turner stated Public Health is not closing their doors and public health will continue to operate.

Scadden opened the floor for public comments.

Public Comments open: 6:08 pm.

No public comments.

Public Comments close: 6:09pm.

Scadden discussed this board will have to submit payments to the Tama County Board of Supervisors and the Tama County Auditor. This board will approve and keep track of the money. The Iowa Code Section 422D will give guidance on how the money should be used. Each Service will have their own account.

A motion was made to set a 10% reserve will be set up until \$500,000 cap is reached. If a service use some or part of that reserve, that service will have to pay the amount used back. Motion was made by Hicklin, Seconded by Kemp.

Wright County uses their allocation for training, equipment, an EMS coordinator, and a chase car. Wright County also bases the allocations of land area and call volume. Tama County is 722 square miles. The split would be 50% split between call volume and service area. These calculations would not include non-911 transport. Van Egmond would be working on getting some figures together for call volume and service area.

Scadden discussed adding a Treasurer to the board. The board terms would last two or three years.

Scadden discussed adding the outlying agencies to the Essential Service Board. There was discussion lead to getting a 28E agreement between Tama EMS and Belle Plaine EMS.

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Scadden led the discussion for township taxes cannot donate to EMS Services.

Scadden stated the method for requesting funds will go to the auditor with the county claim process.

Adjourned at 7:25 pm Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hicklin. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held April 24th, 2025 at 6:00pm in Gladbrook.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Goodenbour, Secretary

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