



Tama County 911 Communications

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October 14, 2025, 911 Service Board Email Meeting Minutes

The Tama County 911 Service Board email meeting was called to order by 911 Service Board Chair Billie Van Egmond (Dysart) at 8:51 PM on Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

Members present via email: Dixie Forcht (Chelsea), Linda Pearson (Clutier), Billie Van Egmond (Dysart), Mary Wankowicz (EMA), Matt Deam (Garwin), Jason Bina (Tama), Casey Schmidt (Sheriff), Trudi Scott (Gladbrook), Bryan Staker (Montour), Jason Kaplan (Belle Plaine), Alicia Lidtke (Elberon), Levio 'Lee' Simcox (Meskwaki Nation), Tyler Sell (Traer), Daryl Bazal (Vining), Bob Vokoun (LeGrand)

Member communities not voting: Lincoln, Toledo, Gilman, Reinbeck, Grundy Center, and LaPorte City

Others in attendance: Jacob Reineke (911 Director)

New Business

911 Executive Board recommendations re: 911 Director's Probationary Period: Due to a lack of quorum at the physical 911 Service Board meeting held on this date, October 14th, 2025, Chair Van Egmond (Dysart) initiated an email meeting to vote on this item.

Director Jacob Reineke was hired as the Tama County 911 Communications Center Director on May 5, 2025. The Tama County handbook requires all new staff members to undergo a 6-month probationary period. At the time of Reineke's hire, he sat down with Chair Van Egmond (Dysart) and created a list of goals that could be completed within the probationary period. Reineke met with the Tama County 911 Service Board Executive Committee on September 15, 2025, and it was determined that Reineke had met or exceeded all the listed goals.

The Tama County 911 Service Board Executive Committee recommends that Director Reineke's salary be increased to \$68,500 per year. They also recommend that Reineke be granted permission to take the 911 SUV home. The changes will go into effect on November 6, 2025, if approved.

On October 14, 2025, at 8:51 PM, Chair Van Egmond sent an email to all Tama County 911 Service Board members requesting a motion and a second by 9:00 AM on October 16, 2025.

A motion was made by Bina (Tama) via email at 8:59 PM on October 14, 2025, to increase Director Reineke's salary to \$68,500 and grant him permission to take the 911 SUV home. Seconded by Forcht (Chelsea) at 9:09 PM on October 14, 2025.



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Chair Van Egmond (Dysart) then sent an email to the Tama County 911 Service Board requesting an “aye/nay” vote from all members on October 16, 2025.

The following votes returned via email:

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| Dixie Forcht (Chelsea): | AYE |
| Linda Pearson (Clutier): | AYE |
| Billie Van Egmond (Dysart): | AYE |
| Mary Wankowicz (EMA): | AYE |
| Matt Deam (Garwin): | AYE |
| Jason Bina (Tama): | AYE |
| Casey Schmidt (Sheriff): | AYE |
| Trudi Scott (Gladbrook): | AYE |
| Bryan Staker (Montour): | AYE |
| Jason Kaplan (Belle Plaine): | AYE |
| Alicia Lidtke (Elberon): | AYE |
| Levio ‘Lee’ Simcox (Meskwaki Nation): | AYE |
| Tyler Sell (Traer): | AYE |
| Daryl Bazal (Vining): | AYE |
| Bob Vokoun (LeGrand): | AYE |

Chair Van Egmond (Dysart) reported that there were no nays.

As of October 20, 2025, at 1:31 PM, the motion passed to increase Director Jacob Reineke’s annual salary to \$68,500 and grant him permission to take the 911 SUV home.

The next 911 Service Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:30 PM at the Tama County Engineer’s Office Meeting Room.

The Tama County 911 Service Board email meeting adjourned at 1:31 PM on October 20, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacob Reineke, Tama County 911 Communications Director