

**Tama County Essential Services Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes December 18, 2025**

The Tama County Essential Service Advisory Board Meeting held a meeting on December 18, 2025, via Zoom, that was called to order by Chair Scadden at 6:01 p.m.

Member's present: Billie Van Egmond (Dysart EMS), Alicia Lidtko (Elberon EMS), Shaun Kennedy (Traer EMS), Kern Kemp (Gladbrook-Lincoln EMS), Jesse Brown (Toledo EMS), Chris Harris, (Tama EMS alt.), Sharon Knoop, (Clutier First Responders), Jacob Reineke (911 Director), Ryan Goodenbour (EMA Coordinator), Stacy Koeppen (Tama County Public Health Director), Lori Johnson (Public Representative), Greg Johnson (Treasurer), Randie Brodigan (Dysart Alt), Alea Dvorak (Traer Alt.), Ronda Edwards (Clutier Alt), Debra Stamp (Garwin Alt.), Todd Baines (Elberon Alt.),

Member not present: Jimmy Hicklin (Tama EMS), Mike Buchanan (Montour First Responders), Sherry Parks (Garwin EMS), Kathy Vavrock (Gladbrook-Lincoln EMS, Alt.), Luther Heller (Montour Alt.),

Public present: Lee Simcox and Supervisor David Turner

Motion to approve the agenda by Lidtko Seconded by Van Egmond.

Minutes were approved from November 20, 2025, meeting with corrections, Motion made by Brown, Seconded by Harris. Motion Carried.

No Public Comments

Scadden advised the Essential Service Board needs to look over the membership for the 2026 appointment and submit a full list to the Tama County Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Turner suggested submitting the list to the Tama County Auditor by the end of the month to be approved at the first meeting of the 2026 calendar year.

G. Johnson updated board of the purchase for the Lenovo laptop for \$650 for the Treasurer. The laptop was a better deal with memory and purchase than the original laptop that was originally planned.

Scadden stated the Trust Fund Policy and Charter was approved by the Tama County Board of Supervisors at the previous Board of Supervisors meeting on December 15th, 2025. The Board of Supervisors would prefer to have one 28E agreement for all the agencies that will be receiving Essential Service Funds. The Services and the city councils will have to sign and then go to the Board of Supervisors for final approval. After approval, the 28E will be sent to the Secretary of State's office. Scadden will be sending out a draft of the 28E agreement once it is complete. Scadden would like the signed 28E back to her.

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G. Johnson updated the claim form. This form is the finalized version. 911 Director Reineke discussed the EMS Call volumes in the county. The data that was used was emergency number data. The geomapping was used to gather the square miles and give the accurate service area for each service. This data is based on third party mapping, instead of hand drawn maps. The change between Tama EMS and Belle Plaine never changed on the Geomapping. It only changed on the hand drawn maps. Supervisor Turner stated the Essential Service Board should decide on the service area miles.

A motion to approve the Emergency Service Number data the official service area of the EMS Services by Brown. Seconded by Lidtke. Motion Carried.

Scadden discussed the call counts for each service created by 911 Director Reineke. Reineke stated these calls are counted as an enroute time and arrival time. Outside of county agencies were not being counted as they should be in 2024. Gilman was counted from the Marshall County Communications Center. The call count does not include transfers. Scadden stated in March, the board agreed transfers and cancelled calls do not count toward call count. There was a discussion on cancelled call should be counted towards the official call count. Reineke stated if the service went in enroute and got cancelled. The call counted, if you did not go enroute it did not count.

A motion to resend the previous motion of not including cancels toward the official call count in 2024. Motion made by Kemp. Seconded by Van Egmond. Motion carried with Reineke abstaining.

Motion to accept, to count all calls that the services arrived and responded to that is provided by the dispatched data. Motioned by G. Johnson. Seconded by Harris. Motion carried with Reineke abstaining.

Kennedy inquired about Meskwaki Settlement land being added to the area that was included in the ESN data. Reineke stated the Meskwaki Settlement was included in the service area square miles. Scadden stated those square miles cannot count toward the service area. Reineke fixed the issue on the spot.

Scadden stated as a board, the Essential Service Board needs to be transparent and open to the public while this process is going on. The public is welcome to attend the meeting if they would like. This information needs to give this information back to their city council to help with budget discussions.

Dvorak mentioned that EMS responses onto the Meskwaki Settlement should also not be included in the response numbers. Reineke did not remove calls that were responded to on the Meskwaki Settlement. Supervisor Turner inquired as to why the calls would not count

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towards the official call count that took place on the Meskwaki Settlement. Scadden stated she believed that Tama EMS had a contract with Meskwaki Settlement for EMS Services, but Supervisor Turner stated that the only contract the Meskwaki Settlement has with Tama County is with the 911 Communications Center. Scadden mentioned that she had fielded concerns from the public about taxpayer dollars going to an EMS service responding to the Settlement that does not pay property taxes. Brown inquired about separating US Highway 30 responses versus the actual tribal lands and Reineke stated the US Highway 30 is considered Tribal land from guidance from the Tama County Sheriff's Office. Reineke stated jurisdiction is determined by what is under the road not who owns the roadway itself. Reineke stated in 2024, EMS calls for Meskwaki Nation were 215 calls for Tama EMS and 94 for Toledo EMS. Those calls include calls on US Highway 30. The calls on County or State Highways are Meskwaki Nation's jurisdiction when both sides of the roadway are bordered by the Meskwaki Nation lands. Scadden discussed the intent of the money is to help EMS that have issues making ends meet. No action was taken from this discussion.

Next meeting will be January 22nd, 2026, at 6:00pm on Zoom.

Motion to adjourn by Reineke. Seconded by Van Egmond at 7:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Ryan Goodenbour

Essential Service Board Secretary