



Tama County 911 Communications

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Joint 911 Service Board Email Meeting Minutes **August 26th, 2026**

The Tama County Joint 911 Service Board email meeting was called to order by Chair Billie Van Egmond (Dysart) at 09:22 AM on Wednesday, August 26th, 2026.

Members present via email: Billie Van Egmond (Dysart – Chair), Kendall Jordan (Toledo), Mary Wankowicz (EMA Representative), Tyler Sell (Traer – Vice Chair), John Taschner (Belle Plaine), James Slack (Meskwaki Nation), Danny Robinson (Tama - Alternate), Wayne Nekola (Gladbrook), Alicia Lidtke (Elberon), Daryl Bazal (Vining), Linda Pearson (Clutier), Robert ‘Bob’ Vokoun (Le Grand), Bryan Staker (Montour), David Turner (Board of Supervisors), Casey Schmidt (Sheriff)

Others in attendance: Jacob Reineke (911 Director)

New Business

Encryption of MNPД_EVT talkgroup: Director Reineke approached Chair Van Egmond via email on Wednesday, August 26th, 2026, with the letter attached to the agenda for this meeting. Reineke’s letter, in short, is requesting Board approval to encrypt “MNPД_EVT” which was previously “MNPД1” in the radio system. In Fall of 2025, Meskwaki Nation Police Department elected to migrate their operational talkgroup to an encrypted talkgroup, leaving the unencrypted talkgroup as an extra talkgroup for events. Due to the swap (making MNPД2E primary and changing MNPД1 to MNPД_EVT) of talkgroup assigned to the Meskwaki Nation Police Department, a vote was not necessary last Fall.

With the change in encryption for the Meskwaki Nation Police Department, they elected to tighten listening abilities to other law enforcement agencies only to protect the integrity of their investigations. This change left Fire and EMS agencies outside of permissions to monitor MNPД’s primary operations talkgroup. Tama EMS had approached Director Reineke about assigning an operational talkgroup to allow EMS/Fire to effectively communicate with each other when responding to the Meskwaki Settlement. MNPД suggested using the MNPД_EVT talkgroup, which was agreed upon by entities to be used for these calls for service. MNPД inquired about encrypting this talkgroup, which Reineke investigated. RACOM, the Tama County land-mobile radio system provider, shared that there is no cost to encrypt this talkgroup.

RACOM is currently working with Tama County law enforcement, 911 Communications, Emergency Management, fire departments, and EMS entities to reprogram their radios. RACOM shared with Reineke that the change can be applied during this programming cycle if they are instructed to do so as soon as possible. Reineke immediately approached the board requesting discussion and a vote



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on the matter as the change will affect more than two departments outside of MNPD and Tama EMS/Fire.

Chair Van Egmond shared the letter with the Tama County Joint 911 Service Board at 9:22 AM on 8/26/26. A motion was made by Vice Chair Sell (Traer) via email at 9:56 AM on 8/26/26 to approve the change requested by Director Reineke. This was seconded by Wankowicz (EMA Representative) via email at 10:09 AM on 8/26/26.

At 11:04 AM, Chair Van Egmond (Dysart) shared that a motion and a second were received to approve the changes requested by Director Reineke. Chair Van Egmond (Dysart) then requested a roll call vote from all members of the Tama County Joint 911 Service Board with a cut-off time of 12:00 PM on Thursday, August 27th, 2026.

Results of the email roll call vote are as follows, listed in order of votes received:

Community	Vote	Member	Time	Date
Gladbrook:	AYE	Wayne Nekola	11:16 AM	8/26/2026
Toledo:	AYE	Kendall Jordan	11:19 AM	8/26/2026
EMA Representative:	AYE	Mary Wankowicz	11:35 AM	8/26/2026
Belle Plaine:	AYE	John Taschner	11:37 AM	8/26/2026
Tama:	AYE	Danny Robinson	11:58 AM	8/26/2026
Vining:	AYE	Daryl Bazal	12:52 PM	8/26/2026
Board of Supervisors:	AYE	David Turner	12:59 PM	8/26/2026
Sheriff:	AYE	Casey Schmidt	1:00 PM	8/26/2026
Le Grand:	AYE	Bob Vokoun	1:09 PM	8/26/2026
Elberon:	AYE	Alicia Lidtke	1:23 PM	8/26/2026
Traer:	AYE	Tyler Sell	3:04 PM	8/26/2026
Montour:	AYE	Bryan Staker	8:57 AM	8/27/2026
Dysart:	AYE	Billie Van Egmond	9:04 AM	8/27/2026
Meskwaki Nation:	ABSTAIN	James Slack	9:14 AM	8/27/2026
Clutier:	AYE	Linda Pearson	9:57 AM	8/27/2026

As of 12:00 PM, no other votes were received. Based on the majority AYE votes, the motion to encrypt MNPD_EVT carried.

Director Reineke shared via email that the next 911 Service Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13th, 2026, at 6:30 PM at the Tama County Engineer's Office Meeting Room and via Microsoft Teams.

The Tama County Joint 911 Service Board email meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.



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Respectfully submitted,

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