

ITEM#: 11
DATE: 1-10-23
DEPT: Fire

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: REPRESENTATION ON STORY COUNTY 911 SERVICE BOARD

BACKGROUND:

The Story County 911 Service Board supports 911 emergency communications services in Ames and throughout Story County. The Board receives, administers, and disperses the 911 surcharge that is levied on all wireline and wireless phones. The Board provides support to Ames by subsidizing a variety of emergency response costs including telephone trunk lines, radio subscriber fees, and the purchase of emergency communications equipment in the Ames Communications Center.

The City has two voting members on the Board, representing: 1) the City as a whole, and 2) the Chief of Police (as the director of the communications center). Each voting member has a designated alternate. The current members are:

For the City of Ames:

Member – Tom Hackett, Fire Department Deputy Chief
Alternate – Doug Allen, Fire Department Deputy Chief

For the Chief of Police:

Member – Geoff Huff, Chief of Police
Alternate – Aaron DeLashmutt, Police Department Support Services Manager

Deputy Fire Chief Doug Allen retired from the City effective January 7, 2022. Karen Tapper was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief to succeed him. **City staff is requesting to appoint Deputy Chief Tapper as the alternate member to the Board.**

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the appointment of Karen Tapper as the City of Ames alternate to the Story County 911 Service Board, replacing Doug Allen.
2. Do not approve the appointment and direct staff to recommend another appointee.

CITY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Story County 911 Service Board continues to provide professional and financial resources to the City to support emergency response activities. It is important to maintain representation on this Board. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.