

Cass County Emergency Management Advisory Council (EMAC)
Meeting Minutes
October 5th 2022

Meeting held at the offices of the Cass County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), 1227 N State Road 17, Logansport, IN 46947. Meeting called to order by Ed Schroder.

Members Present: Jeff Smith, Tracy Williamson, Gary Chambers, Rick Bair, Ed Schroder, Phil Rains, Wally Bennett, Brady Wiles.

Members Absent: Nick Bowyer (Galveston Representative), Rick Lee (Walton Representative), Toni Downhour (Onward Representative), Tim Minnick (Royal Center Representative)

Staff Present: Rocky Buffum, Felicity Perez-Nuscis
A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meetings were reviewed. Motion dually made by G. Chambers. Seconded by P. Rains to approve meeting minutes motion carries with all in favor and none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

DISTRICT 4

District planning Council (DPC) is discussing a revision of by laws as well as becoming a legal entity so they can apply for grants and begin getting better participation.

GRANTS & BILLING

EMPG grant has be received. Hazardous Materials Preparedness is still pending and we have not been contacted with any updates regarding these. Invoice's 2022-0601-001 and 2022-0602-002 are still with the county attorney.

COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

Commissioners approved this ordinance update at their meeting on Monday October 3rd 2022. We have attended the Walton town hall Meeting on Monday and received a new appointed representative. We plan on attending town meetings in both Galveston and Onward.

BACKUP 911 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

With the county fire 800 project moving forward it should make it easier to find radios to add to the backup center. As we phase out radios we can move them to this project.

COUNTY FIRE RADIO PROJECT

Commissioners approved the county fire radio project to move from VHF to 800.

BUDGET PROCESS FOR 2021

Second reading of the county budget was completed. The proposed budget will take EMA to 2 full time employees instead of one full time and two part time.

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EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN REVIEW

This document was emailed out for the board to review. This covers the base plan and all 17 ESFs included in the county EOP. Motion dually made by T. Williamson and seconded by G. Chambers to table this and give the board further time to review carries with all in favor and none opposed.

ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

TRAINING AND EXERCISE ACTIVITY REPORT

report distributed and reviewed. EMAI conference will be held October 18th – 21st 2022. We have contacted the state to find an Instructor to bring in Tactical Casualty Care. Two volunteers were removed from the roster due to inactivity.

ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

CLAIMS REVIEW/APPROVAL

Claims from September 2022 were approved on a motion dually made by W. Bennett and seconded by T. Williamson. All in favor none opposed.

BOARD QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING

November 2nd , 7pm, EMA Facility.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 on a motion duly made by W. Bennett and seconded by R. Bair, all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Felicity Perez-Nuscis