



TAMA COUNTY

911 Services Department

The Tama County Emergency Management Commission meeting was called to order at 7:30 on January 12th 2016 by Chairman Svoboda (Toledo). Members present: Kendall Jordan (Board of Supervisors) Sheriff Dennis Kucera, Keith Sash (Gladbrook), Trent Wentzien (Lincoln), Luther Heller (Montour) Dan Zimmerman (Tama), Joe Boll (Toledo), Pete Holden (Traer), Mindy Benson EMA Coordinator, Jeremy Cremeans EMA Assistant. Also Present Mike Spokec and Glenn Thorne.

Motion by Spokec, second by Zimmerman to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sash, second by Sheriff Kucera to approve minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kucera, second by Heller to approve claims. All ayes. Motion carried.

Introduction of new EMA Commission members, Luther Heller Montour Mayor, and Trent Wentzien Lincoln Mayor.

Executive Board, there are currently two vacant positions. Item was tabled until the next meeting.

Mindy informed the commission that we would be seeking to join the Northeast Iowa Regional Emergency Planning Committee (NIREPC). Mindy explained by joining this planning committee it would be of a benefit because this is part of the Northeast Iowa Response (NIRG) group; they are the group that writes the grants for the local responders training. They also have full scale exercises in the counties that are in this group (Allamakee, Bremer, Butler, Chickasaw, Grundy, Hardin, Howard) this year they are having a full scale train derailment as well as an ethanol plant exercise. If we were a part of this group we would also be welcome to participate in the exercise as well as be able to host the full scale exercise. This will also help us keep our local requirements for the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) up to date and current with the state of Iowa. It will not cost us anything to become a part of the NIREPC group, just participation in meetings from Mindy and Jeremy.

The 911 budget hearing date has been set for February 2nd 2016 at 7:30 P.M. at the Tama County Board of Supervisors Chambers. The backup date in case of weather related cancellation will be February 16th 2016 at 7:30 P.M.

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Mindy provided the commission members an update on the Hazard Mitigation plans. The Board of Supervisors have passed a resolution adopting the plans for the county, now Region6, the planning cog, will be reaching out to the communities in the county to set up times to meet with them during city council meetings to explain the plan and get resolutions passed for each city in the county.

Mindy and Jeremy advised the commission that they were assisted by Chris Anderson, Tama County Conservation Naturalist, in obtaining 3 Dell laptop computers for the EMA office. These laptops were free to charge to our office they were provided by Bob Thurmond, he is an employee of Ruffalo Cody in Cedar Rapids. Jeremy explained that we will have to purchase Microsoft software as well as new extended life batteries for the computers. Mindy also explained that by obtaining these donated laptops that we saved approximately \$6000 by purchasing new laptops through Dell Computers.

No old business

New business that was discussed the commission members decided on a 3% wage increase for the EMA Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator for the fiscal year 2017. Also discussed under new business was EMA staff will be looking at grants for another EMA vehicle since both Mindy and Jeremy are involved in several supervisors groups as well as committees for the State of Iowa. This makes having one EMA vehicle and two employees with meetings in different locations difficult. Also brought to the boards attention is that if we have a large scale event in the county where both Mindy and Jeremy will be deployed to different parts of the county having one response vehicle would be a difficult task.

Next EMA Commission date and time was agreed to be moved to a week earlier. Next meeting date will be April 5th 2016 following the 911 Service Board meeting.

Motion for adjournment by Heller, second by Skopec. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Mindy Benson, Coordinator



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