

CEDAR COUNTY EMA COMMISSION

July 10, 2014 MINUTES

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

Jon Bell called the meeting to order at 7:22pm at the Law Enforcement Center.

Those present were EMA Commission members and/or appointees and alternatives to include Board of Supervisors: Jon Bell; Bennett: Orville Randolph; Clarence: Jeric Armstrong and Randy Burken; Durant: Dawn R. Smith and Shawn Jepson; Mechanicsville: Larry Butler; Stanwood: Greg Wagner; Sheriff Warren Wethington; Tipton: Leanne Zearley. Others in attendance were: Tim Malott, Director; Nicole Wethington, Assistant to the Director; and Sue Hall, Press.

Moved by Randolph seconded by Smith to approve the meeting agenda  
Ayes: All

Moved by Zearley seconded by Armstrong to approve the minutes of April 10, 2014, with the corrections made by Zearley:  
Ayes: All

Revenues and expenditures were reviewed by Director Malott.

Moved by Wagner seconded by Zearley to approve the revenues and expenditures, as presented:  
Ayes: All

Old business was discussed.

The G775 class was very informative and well attended, states Malott.

Three computers were updated to Windows 7 from Windows XP, costing around \$700.

A part-time person was hired, Nicole Wethington, and started on July 8th.

A resource management project is under way in the Sheriff's Office.

A First Net meeting was held in Wilton with Cedar County Mutual Aid group on May 27th. Malott states that many questions were asked that were not answered, such as prospective costs. No other meetings are scheduled at this time for Cedar County.

New business was discussed.

Richard Biondi from State Homeland Security states that a lot of damage was done to the state during the June 26th storm and requests for community estimates of damage for preliminary damage assessments to take place next week (July 16-17). FEMA has limited time and wishes to gather as much information as possible, but are not looking for exact costs at this time. Malott states that Cedar County has a threshold of \$80,000 in damage costs, while the state has a \$4.3 million threshold. Bell inquires as to whether or not the drainage district qualifies for the Public Assistance Program. Mr. Biondi says that many across the state have applied.

The Draft Risk Assessment has a color code: blue indicating that more information is needed and yellow indicating that the subject has not been done yet. They are working on changing it to the new system, as previously decided and now required by the state.

The meeting scheduled for an AMEC representative to speak has been requested by Malott to be changed

from August 7th to August 5th. This change is agreed to. The meeting will take place in August 5th in the Tipton High School auditorium at 6:30pm (doors open at 6pm).

Malott requests a one-day G191 class IC interface with EOC. He believes that more should be trained in incident command, such as clerks, public works, etc. Smith states that she did not know how to contact resources after first responders and Malott left in the previous storm. Malott states that this is why the class is needed; ideally occurring in late 2014 to early 2015, class will last for about five hours.

Three ESF reports (environmental, recovery, and law enforcement) must be submitted prior to this Commission's next meeting, however Malott has not completed them yet. Malott asks for a motion for Bell to sign off on them once they are completed.

Moved by Smith seconded by Wethington for Bell to approve of ESF reports before they are submitted:  
Ayes: All

Malott expresses his great desire for an After-Action meeting to discuss the June 26th storm and what can be improved in the future. Malott believes that the meeting would take a couple of hours. The meeting is set for Thursday, July 31st at 6pm at the Law Enforcement Center.

There is no change to the five-year-plan.

The WENS (Wireless Emergency Network System) was discussed. Malott informs the Commission that the system is free for emergency use only, being paid for by Homeland Security. The system provides communication to people during times of emergency. Dawn states that the sirens are for outdoor alert alone and encourages citizens to purchase weather radios. Malott believes that the WENS will fill the gap in-between, alerting citizens via phone-call and/or text message. Cedar County citizens can only UN-enroll by contacting Malott directly. IEMA sirens other than emergency warning were discussed, such as sirens for fire calls and various times throughout the day. Malott states that many articles are currently being written about the over-use of sirens and issues with sirens not going off at all.

The first EMPG progress report has been completed and the second report will be completed shortly. Cedar County is being audited (desk; Malott is required to provide bylaws, job description, and PARs) by the State HSEMD. Cedar County will receive \$27,000.

An update on the meeting of July 8th regarding the LEPC report was discussed. Malott states that one-million gallons of Bakken Crude oil will be transported through the county each week; if clean-up is required of the county fire departments will respond until the railroad hazmat crews arrive to take care of any clean-up. The rail road PIO is in charge of making information available for public knowledge.

Director Malott request dates for training of ICS classes (800, 700 and 100) Moved by Wethington seconded by Zearley for approval of classes in November.  
Aye: All

Malott will be attending the Fall EMA Conference in Des Moines.

There were no EMA issues addressed by the public.

Bell expresses need for a Crime Stoppers meeting, which was set for July 31st after the After-Action meeting.

Moved by Wagner seconded by Smith to adjourn meeting at 8:37pm:

Ayes: All