

Present: Darby McLaren, CCSO; Gaylord Schelling, CC BOS; Chris Jimerson, Atlantic; Tom Harris, Anita; Ryan Askeland, Griswold; Ryan Archibald, Lewis; Randy Baxter, Marne; Dave Brahms, Cumberland; and Mike Kennon, CC EMA.

Absent: Jackson Bissell, Massena; Ray Zellmer, Wiota

Gaylord Schelling: Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Ryan Askeland: Motion to approve the agenda.

Chris Jimerson: Second.

Carried unanimously.

Dave Brahms: Motion to approve minutes of 1-20-2014 EMA meeting.

Ryan Archibald: Second.

Carried unanimously.

Ryan Askeland: Motion to approve January, February, March expenses.

Randy Baxter: Second.

Carried unanimously.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Mike Kennon reported that work continues to update the Cass County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Cass County BOS will provide the final contract signature on 4-30-2014 with Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management and Southwest Iowa Planning Council. The deadline for completion is 6-2016 and SWIPCO must meet milestones along the way to assure that the project gets done by that deadline.

Coordinator's Report

Kennon reported that the 70kW portable generator received from IHSEMD is being housed at the Atlantic Fire Station. The agreement with the State requires that the equipment is load tested periodically. If the generator was connected to the fire station, this requirement would be met, but financing will be needed to purchase and install a switch panel to make this possible.

Respectfully Submitted

Progress is being made to relocate the Communications Center to the Law Office building across the street from the courthouse. Plans call for EMA to relocate across the street as well, but there is currently no rush to move.

An Emergency Management Performance Grant claim has been submitted for the first half of the fiscal year. The total grant will amount to about \$26,000.

Kennon reported that a Statewide Mass Messaging initiative from Mark Scouten, IHSEMD Director, will likely not happen. This is unfortunate because a statewide system would be much cheaper per county and would allow all counties to have access to a Mass Messaging System.

Kennon explained how the Burn Ban Declaration Process Works. EMA does not have authority to declare a ban. A ban comes from a consensus of Fire Chiefs, Sheriff and County Attorney. EMA monitors conditions, surveys stakeholders, and works with media to inform the public.

The C.B. Fire Dept. held a Hazmat Decon Demo/Training at the Lewis Fire Station on April 16. Local Fire departments appreciated this outreach from our contracted Hazmat Team.

Cass County is participating in a statewide and regional Mass-Casualty Incident Planning initiative. I am currently working with Dr. Berry and others to create an MCI Plan.

Finally, Kennon reported that he is working on portions of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan to submit for local and State approval. This will complete the conversion of the Emergency Operations Plans to an ESF format. The annual Hazardous Materials Plan will also need to be approved at the next meeting.

No public comments or concerns.

Tom Harris: Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted
