

Present: Gaylord Schelling, CC BOS; Chris Jimerson, Atlantic; Ryan Archibald, Lewis; Randy Baxter, Marne; Ryan Askeland, Griswold; Jackson Bissell, Massena; Dave Brahm, Cumberland and Mike Kennon, CC EMA.

Absent: Ford Lillard, Wiota; Darby McLaren, CCSO; Tom Harris, Anita

Gaylord Schelling: Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM.

Chris Jimerson: Motion to approve the agenda.

Ryan Archibald: Second.

Carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

Gaylord Schelling called the Public Hearing to order @ 6:34 PM.

Mike Kennon stated that the budget was the same as last year other than a \$1500 increase to the Coordinator salary and corresponding employee benefit figures. Gaylord Schelling stated that a \$1500 increase will be a standard increase for courthouse employees this year. Randy Baxter asked about the amount of money that is spent on the HazMat Agreement that Cass County has with the Council Bluffs Fire Department. It was explained that the agreement is necessary and reasonable when compared to alternatives. No further discussion.

Ryan Askeland: Motion to close Public Meeting.

Chris Jimerson: Second.

Carried Unanimously.

Ryan Archibald: Motion to approve the Cass County Emergency Management Budget FYE 2017.

Jackson Bissell: Second.

Carried Unanimously.

Election of Officers

Ryan Archibald: Motion to keep Gaylord Schelling as EMA Board Chair, Darby McLaren as Vice Chair and Mike Kennon as Recording Secretary.

Jackson Bissell: Second.

No further nominations or discussion.

Carried Unanimously.

Ryan Askeland: Motion to approve minutes of 7-13-2015 EMA Board meeting.

Ryan Archibald: Second.

Carried unanimously.

Ryan Askeland: Motion to approve July, August, September and October, November, December expenses.

Chris Jimerson: Second.

Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted



Old Business

Progress is being made on completion of Cass County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Cities in Cass County are having their final meetings and we should a final plan soon to submit to FEMMA for approval.

There was also a brief discussion about the possibility of merging the Cass County Public Safety Budget into the EMA Budget at some point. Rob Koppert, E911 Director, stated that there may soon be legislation to make the Public Safety budget process more like EMA budgeting, making a merger much less beneficial.

New Business

Mike Kennon gave each Board Member a copy of the Cass County EMA Bylaws with proposed changes highlighted. He stated that the bylaws had not been reviewed or changed in a few years and some updates were necessary. Kennon said he used the Polk County EMA Bylaws as a template for numerous proposed updates. Since proposed changes to the Bylaws requires a 30-day notification period, the adoption of these changes will need to occur at our next scheduled Board Meeting.

Coordinator's Report

Mike Kennon reported that the EMA vehicle has had some extra maintenance expenses lately, namely new tires, brakes, door handle replacement and new water pump. Cass Co EMA bought the 2004 Chevy Avalanche from the Sheriff's Office 5 years ago and it now has about 190,000 miles on it. It was suggested that we keep our eyes open to opportunities for a quality replacement vehicle.

Kennon reported on the status of this year's EMPG. Our application has been approved and we are waiting for further instructions on progress reporting and making claims. Kennon also stated that there is a Statewide initiative to make all Iowa counties StormReady by this spring. An application will be completed and submitted to the NWS soon. Kennon then briefly touched on Safe School Alliance Collaboration to create quality Emergency Operations Plan for area schools, continued ALICE Active Shooter Response implementation, and the benefits of Real ID enhanced driver's licenses.

Finally, Kennon asked if there was any consensus for EMA to acquire a drone as a county emergency response asset. A drone could provide unique situational awareness in some specific, yet uncommon events. Cost, maintenance, training and an inability to insure the equipment were brought up as reasons to not buy this equipment. There are also many privately owned drones with experienced operators who might be willing to work with emergency responders at an incident.

No public comments or concerns.

Jackson Bissell: Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

