

Present: Gaylord Schelling, CC BOS; Chris Jimerson, Atlantic; Tom Harris, Anita; Ryan Archibald, Lewis; Randy Baxter, Marne and Mike Kennon, CC EMA.

Absent: Mark Wedemeyer, CC BOS; Ray Zellmer, Wiotra; Darby McLaren, CCSO; Ryan Askeland, Griswold; Dave Brahm, Cumberland; Jackson Bissell, Massena

Gaylord Schelling: Meeting called to order at 6:15 PM.

Ryan Archibald: Motion to approve the agenda.

Randy Baxter: Second.
Carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

Gaylord Schelling called the Public Hearing to order @ 6:18 PM.

Mike Kennon stated that the biggest change in the budget was an additional \$10,000 of revenue contribution from the County. This increase is intended to bolster department carryover funds which have steadily declined in recent years. No further discussion.

Chris Jimerson: Motion to close Public Meeting.

Ryan Archibald: Second.
Carried Unanimously.

Ryan Archibald: Motion to approve the Cass County Emergency Management Budget FYE 2016.

Chris Jimerson: Second.
Carried Unanimously.

Election of Officers

Randy Baxter: Motion to nominate Gaylord Schelling EMA Board Chair.

Chris Jimerson: Second.
No further nominations.
Carried Unanimously.

Ryan Archibald: Motion to nominate Darby McLaren EMA Board Vice Chair.

Chris Jimerson: Second.
No further nominations.
Carried Unanimously.

Tom Harris: Motion to nominate Mike Kennon EMA Board Recording Secretary.
Randy Baxter: Second.

No further nominations.
Carried Unanimously.

Tom Harris: Motion to approve minutes of 10-27-2014 EMA meeting.

Ryan Archibald: Second.
Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted



Tom Harris: Motion to approve October, November, December expenses.
Chris Jimerson: Second.
Carried unanimously.

Old Business

Progress continues on the new Cass County Communications Center location with completion due by the end of March. The building will provide office space for both the E911 Director and EMA Coordinator, but Kennon voiced concerns about moving to the new location. There would be advantages to staying in his current office, namely more office/storage space for both EMA and E911.

New Business

There was a discussion about alternative funding formulas for Cass County Public Safety and the possibility of the Cass Co Public Safety requesting to enter into a 28E agreement with Cass County EMA at some point. This agreement would place the Public Safety budget as a line item within the EMA budget. There doesn't seem to be concerns about this possible move at this time.

Coordinator's Report

Cass County is one of 71 Iowa counties to apply to use a new statewide emergency notification system. The system is called Alert Iowa and is free to Cass County. Kennon said that he is currently waiting on the State to get the system fully implemented.

Kennon continues to make credentialing tags for Cass County emergency responders and is in the process of expanding the program for County/City personnel and EMA/LEPC/Public Safety/E911 Boards. He also has recently acquired the capability to scan, track and create reports for these credentials. Kennon is also involved in Active Shooter activities throughout the County. Law Enforcement and Fire Departments have been working together to create plans for Active Shooter response. The Courthouse has been identifying and fortifying Safe Rooms for employees and guests. Kennon has also been working with the BOS on courthouse entrance and egress issues.

There will be Storm Spotter Training offered on 3-11-2015 at 7:00pm in the courtroom of the Cass County Courthouse.

All jurisdictions should have had their Initial Meeting with SWIPCCO to begin the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning. The next round of meetings will be in Feb/Mar.

The application for 2015 EMPPG performance grant is now open.

No public comments or concerns.

Tom Harris: Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

