

JASPER COUNTY
Emergency Management Commission

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Minutes of June 5, 2018 Commission Meeting

The Jasper County Emergency Management Commission met on June 5, 2018 at the Jasper County EOC. Those present were Doug Cupples (Board of Supervisors), Genny Popenhagen (Baxter), David Mast (Colfax), Craig Tierney (Kellogg), Pat Edwards (Lambs Grove), Jen St. Peter (Monroe), Mike Hansen (Newton), Jarrod Wellik (Newton), Chad Alleger (Prairie City), Tami Weishaar (Reasnor), John Halferty (Jasper County Sheriff), Jim Sparks (EMA Coordinator), Josh Harding (EMA Program Coordinator), and Kathy Ellis (EMA Assistant).

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by the Sheriff, John Halferty.

Introductions were made around the room and served as roll call for the meeting. Those representatives listed above were present and accounted for.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Chad Alleger and was seconded by Tami Weishaar. Motion carried

A motion to approve the January 30, 2018 meeting minutes was made by Mike Hansen and was seconded by Craig Tierney. Motion carried

Agenda Items

- Public Hearing - 2018 Emergency Management Budget
A motion to open the public hearing for the budget amendment was made by Weishaar and seconded by Genny Popenhagen at 6:32PM. Motion carried

There was no one in attendance from the public. Therefore, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Alleger and seconded by Jen St. Peter at 6:33PM. Motion carried

Kathy Ellis explained the amendment was necessary to increase the General Operating Expenditures from \$266,336 to \$286,336. The increase represents the receipt of the Dakota Access Grant in the amount of \$20,000.

A motion to approve the budget amendment was made by Alleger and seconded by Popenhagen. Motion carried

Tornado Sirens

A copy of the Jasper County Outdoor Sire Activation Policy and Severe Weather Notification Protocols was distributed to those in attendance. Sheriff Halferty shared the following details regarding the tornado sirens for clarification.

- Warning sirens are owned by the entity they're located in.
- Each fire department can activate them, normally they are activated by Dispatch based upon the Siren Activation Policy.
- The sirens are intended for people outdoors.
- People indoors should utilize other sources via NWS, WENS alerts, social media, etc.
- All sirens in the County cannot be activated at the same time as demonstrated during the monthly testing when some go off after 10AM.
- Take this opportunity tonight to educate your communities in regard to the policy which the County will be following.

Jim Sparks added the following points:

- NWS has changed their policy from 'must have' a tornado to 'any' wind over 70 mph and/or large hail poses a danger therefore issue a warning.
- NWS will issue a tornado warning when they have an upper level rotation with potential to develop into a tornado based upon radar.

IDOT Training Facility

Board of Supervisor, Doug Cupples, shared information on the IDOT's proposed Regional Training Center for Jasper County including the following details:

- Lease County owned ground across from the Law Center.
- Provide training for every scenario from a road rollover, fire, tow-trucks, etc.
- Onsite equipment with Public Safety Training; classroom for 100, rail spur, track, etc. will be available for public use.
- Multi-million-dollar project which will have an economic impact on the County for food, lodging, etc.
- There are only two other Training Centers in the Country.
- IDOT would staff and maintain the facility.
- IDOT has invested money to hire consultants to write the grant in pursuit of this project.
- The goal is to have unanimous support from the County. The Board of Supervisors is requesting a letter of support from each community to be included with the grant. An email will be sent out to the mayors including a template with directions on where to **send it to prior to July 19th, 2018** deadline for submission of the grant.

Financial-Future Funding

Emergency Management Commission Fiscal Status, Budget Overview, and Revenue Projection handouts were distributed to members and are available on Sharepoint. Sheriff Halferty began the discussion by pointing out Jasper County is ahead of many other counties in the area and asking how do we stay on track to accomplish our goals with a potential budget shortfall? Sparks explained that

revenue has remained stagnant increasing roughly 1 - 1.4% while expenses are increasing at a higher rate of 5% annually. Projecting ahead for FY19-20 there will be an estimated budget shortfall of \$40,000. Subsequent years will continue to show an increase in the deficit to the point that all reserve funds are depleted.

Revenue Projections options were shared showing the funds which could be generated either through increasing the per capita or levy rate or some combination of both. It was explained that per capita was last increased July 1, 2008 from .75 cents to \$1.50. Discussion was held regarding more gradual increases over time to the per capita. The Commission needs to provide direction to the EMA so budget information can be provided to jurisdictions prior to beginning the budgeting process. It was determined a consensus from the Commission would be needed to provide direction to EMA for fall budgeting.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 31st, 2018 at 6:30PM in the EOC.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:21PM by Hansen and seconded by Alleger.
Motion carried