

JASPER COUNTY  
Emergency Management Commission

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**Minutes of January 28, 2020 Commission Meeting**

The Jasper County Emergency Management Commission met on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Armory Annex EOC. Those present were Gennypher Popenhagen (Baxter), Doug Cupples (Board of Supervisors), David Mast (Colfax), Pat Edwards (Lambs Grove), Jen St Peter (Monroe), Jarrod Wellik (Newton), Joyce Halblom (Oakland Acres), Dale James (Reasnor), John Halferty (Jasper County Sheriff), Gordon Yarrington (Sully), Jim Sparks, EMA Coordinator, and Kathy Ellis, EMA Assistant.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32PM by the Sheriff, John Halferty.

Roll call was taken and introductions were made around the room. Those representatives listed above were present and accounted for.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by David Mast and was seconded by Doug Cupples. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the December 3, 2019 meeting minutes was made by Dale James and was seconded by Gordon Yarrington. Motion carried.

**Agenda Items**

- Public Hearing - 2021 Emergency Management Budget

A motion was made by Cupples and seconded by Gennypher Popenhagen to open the Public Hearing on the budget at 6:35PM. Motion carried.

There was no one in attendance from the public.

Coordinator, Jim Sparks, stated during the budget workshop in December the details were worked out and the budget presented tonight is the same. To recap for the minutes regarding salary, there is a 2.5% cost of living increase for the Coordinator and a 3% increase for both the EMA Program Coordinator and EMA Assistant remaining at Range 8/Step 7.

A motion was made to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular Commission meeting at 6:36PM by Mast and seconded by Cupples. Motion carried.

## 2021 Emergency Management Budget Adoption

A motion to adopt the FY21 budget was made by Popenhagen and seconded by Jen St Peter.  
Motion carried.

### **Coordinator's Update**

- The Dakota Access Donation of \$20,000 has been received to be utilized on Capital Expense Projects.
- FYI, EMA will need to do a budget amendment in late spring due to the receipt of the Emergency Performance Grant (EMPG) and the Dakota Access Donation.
- On Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 1PM in the Emergency Operations Center, EOC, the Marshalltown Police Chief and City Administrator will be presenting to City/County department heads and elected officials regarding "Lessons Learned". How to be prepared to facilitate a quick recovery during and after a disaster. Sparks described a presentation he heard given by Dr. Besser, a professor at ISU, on the impact disasters have on communities in which most do not recover due to not having a plan. This happens mostly in smaller communities when residents see no significant progress occurring therefore people will leave and move away. He encouraged all the mayors to attend or send their elected officials to listen to the struggles of getting multi-agency response 24-48 hours later for assistance.

**Old Business**

**None**

**New Business**

**None**

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:45 by James and seconded by Joyce Halblom.  
Motion carried.