

JASPER COUNTY
Emergency Management Commission

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Minutes of January 25, 2022, Commission Meeting

The Jasper County Emergency Management Commission met on January 25, 2022, at the Armory Annex small EOC room and via ZOOM. Those present were Bryan DeJong (Baxter) via ZOOM, Brandon Talsma (Board of Supervisors), David Mast (Colfax), Rick Avery (Grinnell), Pat Edwards (Lambs Grove), Jen St Peter (Monroe) via ZOOM, Mike Hansen (Newton) via ZOOM, Rex Heisdorffer (Newton), Clinton F. (Oakland Acres) via ZOOM, Dale James (Reasnor) via ZOOM, Tami Weishaar (Reasnor) via ZOOM, John Halferty (Jasper County Sheriff), Josh Foster (Sully) via ZOOM, Mike VanderMolen (Sully), Jim Sparks (EMA Coordinator), Josh Harding (EMA Program Coordinator) via ZOOM, 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 made. Those representatives listed above were present in-person or via ZOOM and accounted for.

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

A motion to approve the May 13, 2021, meeting minutes was made by Talsma and was seconded by Mast. Motion carried

Agenda Items

- Public Hearing - 2023 Emergency Management Budget

A motion was made by Rick Avery and seconded by Talsma to open the public hearing on the budget at 6:38PM. Motion carried

There was no one in attendance from the public and received no written correspondence.

A motion was made to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular Commission meeting at 6:39PM by Avery and seconded by Bryan DeJong. Motion carried

A motion was made to open for discussion the adoption of the 2023 budget made by Mike Hansen and seconded by Mast. Motion carried

Jim Sparks reviewed the budget highlighting the following:

- Salary Portion of the Operations Budget is a place holder at a 3.5% increase with the understanding at amendment time in May/June this will be reviewed to determine the cost of living increases more in line with inflation.
- The FY22 estimated operating budget is basically a net zero change when you remove the grant expenditures.
- Revenue side:
 - No change in the levy rate or per capita for FY23.
 - FY23 includes ARPA Grant funding.
 - EMPG funding is not factored into the budget, as it's not guaranteed this will continue.
- Fund Balances:
 - Overall, looking strong with good amount transferred into the Truck Reserve Fund for when/if Emergency Management decides to replace it.
 - Undesignated/unreserved Fund balance is strong and in alignment with the 25% GAAP recommendations.
 - Capital Equipment Fund balance is good.
- EMPG/ARPA/PHEP FY22 grants were able to accomplish many capital projects to free up funds for FY23 capital projects.

2023 Emergency Management Budget Adoption

A motion to approve the FY23 budget was made by Talsma and seconded by Hansen. Motion carried

Old Business

None

New Business

- Sheriff Halferty encouraged the new mayors to visit the Emergency Operations Center, EOC, and to with meet the EMA staff. This cannot be done without the mayors' input.
- Rex Heisdorffer, Newton Public Safety Representative, reminded the commission of the incident command classes available. Sparks reiterated the mayors' responsibility to their communities and encouraged them to participate in this training.
- Hansen stated Newton has been requested to present lessons learned from the Derecho and the importance of preparing your communities to the League of Cities February 10th, 2022, Iowa Mayors' Association Meeting via ZOOM.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:55PM by Avery and seconded by Mast. Motion carried