

JASPER COUNTY  
Emergency Management Commission

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**Minutes of October 13, 2016 Commission Meeting**

The Jasper County Emergency Management Commission met on October 13, 2016 at the Jasper County EOC. Those present were Stephen Smith (Baxter), Evan Cross (Baxter), Ben? (Baxter), J.D. Smith (Colfax), Andy Summy (Colfax), Mark Frymoyer (Kellogg), Mark Newberg(Lynnvile), Nick Chambers (Monroe), Matt Mardesen (Monroe), Mike Hansen(Newton), Jarrod Wellik (Newton), Mike Hansen (Newton), Ron Cook (Newton), Chad Alleger (Prairie City), Lori Martin (Prairie City), Joe Bartello (Prairie City), Rex Satterlee (Reasnor), Chad ?(Sully), John Halferty (Jasper County Sheriff), Duane Rozendaal (JCSO), Ryan Eaton (JCSO), Ed Roach (E911), Dennis Stevenson (Board of Supervisors), Jim Sparks, EMA Coordinator plus Mike Miller and Terry Brennan with Racom.

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

Introductions of those present.

Halferty indicated that there were two items for discussion

- 1- Communications upgrade proposal
- 2- Setting budget workshop meeting in December

Halferty addressed the first item. The Sheriff's Office had done planning and research on whether to propose a new communications 700/800 system. He mentioned that this is one piece of equipment all responders use on every call.

Lt. Brad Shutts and Sheriff Halferty presented information on both the Racom system and the proposed statewide system. They proposed moving towards the Racom system which is already in place. Details and questions were discussed and answered. Racom officials were also present to answer questions and show the equipment. No items were voted on.

The members present were asked to discuss and consider the financing proposals. Included was the \$200,000 grant received from the state which will help pay for the tower build. Lt. Shutts handed out estimates to each community present for consideration. Members were asked to contact Lt. Shutts with any follow up questions. We will set a final date later but there seemed to be a consensus of members present to move forward.

A budget workshop meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 1830.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Smith and seconded by Dennis Stevenson. Motion Passed