

JASPER COUNTY
Emergency Management Commission

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Minutes of January 19, 2021 Commission Meeting

The Jasper County Emergency Management Commission met on January 19, 2021 at the Armory Annex EOC and via ZOOM. Those present were Genny Popenhagen (Baxter) via ZOOM, Brandon Talsma (Board of Supervisors) via ZOOM, David Mast (Colfax), Gary Bartels (Mingo) via ZOOM, John Halferty (Jasper County Sheriff), Chad Alleger (Prairie City) via ZOOM, Gordon Yarrington (Sully) via ZOOM, Jim Sparks (EMA Coordinator), Josh Harding (EMA Program Coordinator), and Kathy Ellis (EMA Assistant).

The meeting was called to order at 12:00PM by the Sheriff, John Halferty.

Roll call was taken. Those representatives listed above were present either via ZOOM or in-person and accounted for.

A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Brandon Talsma and was seconded by Gennypher Popenhagen. Motion carried

A motion to approve the June 3, 2020 meeting minutes was made by Chad Alleger and was seconded by David Mast. Motion carried

Agenda Items

- Public Hearing - 2022 Emergency Management Budget

A motion was made by Popenhagen and seconded by Talsma to open the public hearing on the budget at 12:03PM. Motion carried

There was no one in attendance from the public.

A motion was made to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular Commission meeting at 12:04PM by Alleger and seconded by Gary Bartels. Motion carried

Discussion was held on the Cost of Living Increases. A motion to amend the proposed budget increases for Josh Harding and Kathy Ellis down to 2.5% from 3.5% to coincide with Jim Sparks proposed increase was made by Talsma and seconded by Popenhagen. Motion carried

2022 Emergency Management Budget Adoption

A motion to adopt the FY22 budget was made by Talsma and seconded by Popenhagen. Motion carried

Coordinator's Update

- Jim Sparks explained the focus has been on COVID-19 by providing support to the Jasper County Public Health via the EOC and the potential for changes with EMS services within the County coming from the State. Both will remain a focus for the foreseeable future.
- FYI, a budget amendment will be required in June due to grant expenditures.

Old Business

None

New Business

- Election of Officers
For the Office of Chairman, John Halferty, a motion was made by Talsma and seconded by Popenhagen.
For the Office of Vice Chairman, Mike VanderMolen, a motion was made by Gordon Yarrington and seconded by Mast.

A motion was made to approve the nominations by Bartels and seconded by Yarrington.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 12:25PM by Mast and seconded by Yarrington. Motion carried