

JASPER COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Minutes of January 30, 2024, Commission Meeting

The Jasper County Emergency Management Commission met on January 30, 2024, at the Armory Annex in the EOC and via ZOOM. Those present were Doug Bishop (Baxter) via ZOOM, Brandon Talsma (Board of Supervisors), David Mast (Colfax), Lonnie Huffaker (Kellogg) via ZOOM, Pat Edwards (Lambs Grove), Butch Umble, Council person (Monroe) via ZOOM, Evelyn George (Newton), Rex Heisdorffer (NFD), Chad Allegor (Prairie City), Tami Weishaar (Reasnor) via ZOOM, John Halferty (Jasper County Sheriff), Benjamin Ahrens (Sully) via ZOOM, Jamey Robinson (EMA Coordinator), and Kathy Ellis (EMA Assistant).

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

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

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

A motion to approve the December 19, 2023, meeting minutes was made by David Mast and was seconded by Evelyn George. Motion carried.

Agenda Items

- **Public Hearing - 2025 Emergency Management Budget**

A motion was made by Allegor and seconded by Talsma to open the public hearing on the budget at 6:34PM. 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 6:35PM by Mast and seconded by Allegor.

Motion carried.

- **2025 Emergency Management Budget Adoption**

A motion to adopt the FY25 budget was made by Allegor and seconded by Talsma.

Discussion as followed:

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Jamey Robinson clarified the personnel increase stated at the budget workshop of 4.95% is actually a 3.65% increase. That is actually less. That's how it was published. Other than that, no changes from what we originally went over with.

- Due to some legislative changes and based off of the assessments, the assessments came in low and do not cover our costs. So, we are actually dipping into our unreserved/undesignated funds to cover what we need to function. In the future, we will probably have to increase the EMA levy to make up for the difference.
- The only increases this year were salaries and ICAP at 25%.
- Provide the Commission warning that next year we will probably have to adjust the EMA levy to cover things.

After completion of the discussion the motion to approve the budget as published was passed unanimously.

Sheriff Halferty thanked all the mayors for their service as elected officials and serving on the Commission as part of their roles as mayors.

EMA Updates

- Mr. Harding has stepped down. The position has been posted as EMA Deputy Coordinator to align with the auditor's office. The focus will be the EMS project.
- Acquiring new equipment, a 25' LED Light Tower.
- Requesting a barricade trailer.
- Chevron - 4 tote foam trailer is still in the process.
- Grant applications in process for EMS equipment.
- ALS equipment in Tahoe available for Coordinator to assist on calls.
- Good outreach meetings with local community departments providing good feedback.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:43 PM by Mast and seconded by Alleger.

Motion carried.