

JASPER COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Minutes of January 8, 2026 Commission Meeting

The Jasper County Emergency Management Commission met on January 8, 2026 at the Armory Annex in the EOC and via ZOOM.

Members Present:

Brandon Talsma (Board of Supervisors) via ZOOM, David Mast (Colfax), Pat Edwards (Lambs Grove), Earl Umble, Butch (Monroe) via ZOOM, Gerald Malone (Monroe), Jarrod Wellik (Newton), Phil Holland (Prairie City), Dan Riemersma (Prairie City), Tami Weishaar (Reasnor) via ZOOM, Mike Timmins (Reasnor), Brad Shutts (Jasper County Sheriff), and Brent Vander Molen (Sully).

Staff Present:

Jamey Robinson (EMA Director), and Kathy Ellis (EMA Program Manager).

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by the Sheriff, Brad Shutts.

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 Phil Holland. 9-0 Motion carried.

A motion to approve the December 17, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Holland and was seconded by David Mast. 9-0 Motion carried.

Agenda Items

1. Budget Workshop FY 26-27 Discussion/Action

Jamey Robinson explained the budget hearing approval process to the Commission.

- Sheriff Brad Shutts stated he requested Robinson include the budget numbers for a 3% increase in wages a long with the 2.5% increase.
- Robinson distributed a handout of the Jasper County ALS Car Program Report for January 1 – December 31, 2025. There were a total of 601 ALS responses for the year. He explained that Steve Ashing combed through all the data to provide the following information in the tables.
- **Table 1: Reflects ALS car utilization by each incorporated city EMS response area.**
Table 2: ALS Car Responses by Incident Type (2025)
Table 3: ALS-Level Interventions Performed by ALS Car (2025)
Reference the handout.

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- Robinson copied and re-distributed a handout from the December 17th Budget Workshop describing the Jasper County ALS Program. He explained the difference between Per Capita increase and an increase in the EMA levy. Reference the handout. Discussion followed with Robinson stating this was bridging the gap to help out rural areas without starting a County ambulance. His intention is to build an EMS system and not an EMS service. A 28E agreement would still need to be developed working out all the details concerning evaluation/length of the service, staffing and hours of operations, etc.

For Publication of the Budget, a motion to include a 3% wage increase was made by Talsma and seconded by Patrick Edwards. 9-0 Motion carried.

For Publication of the Budget, a motion to use the Per Capita funding option was made by Talsma and seconded by Edwards. 9-0 Motion carried.

2. Election of Vice Chair

A motion to approve the nomination of Brandon Talsma as Vice Chair was made by Sheriff Shutts and seconded by Brent Vander Molen. 8-0 Motion carried.
1 Obtained

3. EMA Program Update-Discussion

Robinson reviewed the upcoming training events which include the following:

- EMS Impact Conference at DMACC January 10-11th, 2026
 - 2nd Annual FREE Training with 106 registered.
 - Includes FREE meals, training with LifeFlight/Mercy OB/Hands on pig lungs for organ dissections.
- Monday & Wednesday evenings Firefighter 1
- Tuesday & Thursday evenings EMT Class
- Stop the Bleed, CPR, AED classes by request
- FEMA Project Status for Kellogg & Lynnville in process
- HMGP Siren & Generator Projects on hold for 18-24 months

Next Meeting

Next Budget Workshop will be on Thursday, January 29th at 6PM.

Public Hearing

A motion to schedule the Budget Public Hearing for Thursday, February 19th at 6PM was made by Talsma and seconded by the Sheriff. 9-0 Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:45PM by Talsma and seconded by Holland. 9-0 Motion carried.