

JASPER COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Minutes of January 29, 2026 Commission Meeting

The Jasper County Emergency Management Commission met on January 29, 2026 at the Armory Annex in the EOC and via ZOOM.

Members Present:

Brandon Talsma (Board of Supervisors), David Mast (Colfax), Pat Edwards (Lambs Grove), Mark Newberg (Lynnville) via ZOOM, Gerald Malone (Monroe) via ZOOM, Randy Ervin (Newton) via ZOOM, Jarrod Wellik (Newton), Phil Holland (Prairie City), Tami Weishaar (Reasnor), Brad Shutts (Jasper County Sheriff), and Tony VanWyk (Sully).

Others Present:

Earl Umble-Butch (Monroe) via ZOOM and Lt. Mike Gunsaulus(JCSO).

Staff Present:

Jamey Robinson (EMA Director), Steve Ashing (EMA Deputy 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 David Mast and was seconded by Phil Holland. 10-0 Motion carried.

A motion to approve the January 8, 2026, meeting minutes was made by Tami Weishaar and was seconded by Mast. 10-0 Motion carried.

Agenda Items

1. Budget Workshop FY 26-27 Discussion

Jamey Robinson explained:

- 1) The budget includes a 3% increase in wages.
- 2) ALS Car includes numbers provided by the Sheriff.
- 3) Publication numbers can always go down but not up.

Budget discussion followed centering on the ALS car with questions and statements from several of the commission members.

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BOS, Brandon Talsma, provided information requested by the County Auditor regarding Funding for Jasper County ALS. Following are the responses from the State Auditor's Office and the Department of Management:

State Auditor's Office, Katherine Rupp:

Regarding funding, Pottawattamie County has something going on with using their General Supplemental levy. The General Supplemental levy can be used for Maintenance and operations of a local emergency management agency pursuant to Chapter 29C. I believe Pott County is using the GS levy and moving it to Emergency management and then back to General Fund for actual communications expenses.

- 1. We don't think you can use the Emergency Management Levy to pay for Ambulance services.*
- 2. Again, we don't think you can use the Emergency Management Levy for this purpose.*

We don't think you can use the emergency management levy to fund the ambulance services. I would ask Carrie Johnson at DOM if she has any thoughts.

Department of Management, Carrie Johnson:

I concur with AOS. Regarding funding, it would be a General Fund expense, unless you implement a 422D, in which you would create a Special Revenue fund.

Talsma stated the State Auditor does not agree with funding the ALS car with an EMA levy or per capita. The funds would need to come from the County General Fund and/or a Voluntary Allocation from the cities.

Robinson stated the voluntary allocation request would equal or be lower than the per capita amount budgeted. A 28E agreement would be worked out for a three year period then re-evaluated.

2. Bylaw Changes

The revised version was distributed for members to review with adoption at the next meeting. Reference the Summary of By-Law Updates and Clarifications Handout for more information.

Next Meeting

Next Budget Public HearBudget on Thursday, February 19th , 2026 at 6PM.

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Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:39PM by Talsma and seconded by Mast.
10-0 Motion carried.