

JASPER COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Minutes of February 19, 2026, Commission Meeting

The Jasper County Emergency Management Commission met on February 19, 2026, at the Armory Annex in the EOC and via ZOOM. Those present were Dan Kunkel (Baxter), Brandon Talsma (Board of Supervisors), David Mast (Colfax), Virgil Chance (Kellogg), Gerald Malone (Monroe), Randy Ervin (Newton), Clinton Follette (Oakland Acres), Phil Holland (Prairie City), Tami Weishaar (Reasnor) via ZOOM, Brad Shutts (Jasper County Sheriff), and Brent Vander Molen (Sully).

Others Present:

Jarrold Wellik (Newton)

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 Brandon Talsma and was seconded by David Mast. 11-0 Motion carried.

A motion to approve the January 29, 2026, meeting minutes was made by Talsma and was seconded by Brent Vander Molen. 11-0 Motion carried.

Agenda Items

1. Essential Service-Countywide EMS Discussion/Action

Jamey Robinson reviewed the option of a Jasper County EMS Essential Service Plan including the following sections. (Reference the plan for further details)

- Advisory Team
- Declaring EMS as Essential Service
- Proposed Annual Budget - \$405,000
- Levy Structure and Authority
- Workforce Development, Recruitment & Retention - \$25,000
- Why Tax Funding Is Necessary
- What Happens if We Do Nothing
- Oversight & Accou
- Duration of Levy and Renewal Process
- Next Steps
- Letter to Jasper County Board of Supervisors Template

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Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Randy Ervin and seconded by Talsma to table the Essential Service letter to the Board of Supervisors to provide an opportunity to further study the information then to meet in one week on February 26th, 2026 at 6PM via ZOOM. 11-0 Motion carried.

2. Public Hearing – 2027 Emergency Management Budget

A motion was made by Talsma and seconded by Ervin to open the public hearing on the budget at 7:01PM. 11-0 Motion carried.

There was no one in attendance from the public and received no written correspondence.

Discussion

Jamey Robinson stated there was no contact from the public. The budget is the same as presented at the Budget Workshop on January 29th with 3% personnel increases.

Discussion was held to keep the numbers as published with the ALS Car dollars included to be able to move forward with hiring a paramedic if the vote is favorable in November. Talsma stated he should be able to convince the other Board of Supervisors members to fund the program for 3-6 months to be able to begin the process of hiring and moving forward. The levy would not begin until July 1st with the first payment to EMA in October.

A motion was made to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular Commission meeting at 7:02PM by Mast and seconded by Phil Holland. 11-0 Motion carried.

3. 2027 Emergency Management Budget Adoption

A motion to adopt the FY27 budget as presented was made by Talsma and seconded by Vander Molen. 10-Yes/0-No/1 Abstained-Malon Motion carried.

4. Bylaws Adoption Discussion/Action

A motion to adopt the bylaws was made by Mast and seconded by Holland. 11-0 Motion carried.

5. State Training Letter-Discussion/Action

A motion to approve Sheriff Shutts signing the training letter for Robinson was made by Ervin and seconded by Talsma. 11-0 Motion carried.

6. EMA Update

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Robinson shared some FEMA dollars have been approved and released including approximately a million for the Lynnville Mitigation Project with other County projects still to be determined.

Next Meeting – Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 6PM via ZOOM.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:13 PM by Mast and seconded by Holland.

11-0 Motion carried.