



*The Cass County EMAC met at 7pm, at the offices of the Cass County Emergency Management Agency, 1227 N SR 17, Logansport, Indiana.*

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Sherriff Schroder.

Board Members Present: Mike Deitrich, Dan McDonald, Tracy Williamson, Tim Minnick, Ed Schroder, Wally Bennett, Gary Chambers, Rick Bair, Brady Wiles, and Steve Martin.

EMA Personnel Present: Rocky Buffum, Felicity Perez-Nuscis

**i. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-**

The minutes of the July meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve made by G. Chambers and seconded by M. Deitrich. Motion carried with all in favor none opposed.

**ii. DIRECTORS REPORTS-**

**A. Indiana Department of Homeland Security/District Four Updates-**

EMA staff attended an IDHS offering of Hazard 3's CNG class.

**B. Grants & Billing-**

Grants Received to date:

Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities- \$20,304.00  
Emergency Management Performance Grant (Salary)-\$28,939.31  
Koch Fertilizer Community Fund- \$1,356.00  
IERC Local Emergency Planning-\$5,471.98

**C. Training & Exercise Activity-**

We continue to actively participate in professional development as well as bring in offerings for response partners. We partnered with the City of Logansport and hosted a propane flaring training. This allowed us and the fire departments in the county to work with the new equipment. F.O.S.T class begins this month here at EMA.



iii. **OLD BUSINESS-**

**A. Ordinance Updates-**

There are four ordinance updates that are being reviewed by the County Attorney and will be put in front of the County Commissioners for approval.

**B. BRIC Grant/Hazard Mitigation Plan-**

IUPUI has been notified of their selection from the RFP process. We are awaiting them to draft their formal contract which will be sent to the county attorney for review and then we will begin moving forward on the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**C. Any other old business-**

No further old business

iv. **NEW BUSINESS-**

A motion was made by T. Williamson and seconded by R. Bair that the agenda be amended to add item C. Personnel, Volunteers with EMA to New Business. Motion carries with all in favor and none opposed.

**A. 2024 Budget-**

The budget workshop was held last month with the budget being submitted for approval prior to. Some of the larger requests were for \$50,000 for a mobile cascade system to provide a rehab service to the fire departments on scene, and salary increases.

**B. Any other New Business-**

EMA has signed up for E-dispatch. A 30-day free trial and then 900.00 and some change annually thereafter.

Tornado warning siren discussion moving forward. Begin discussing different warning solutions and possible relocation of current sirens.

Commissioner raised questions regarding lack of participation regarding several town appointed board members. Possible solutions were discussed. Commissioner to follow up with County Attorney.



**C. Personnel, Volunteers with EMA-**

Request to add Nolan Young, Michael Capitanio, Nathan Lococo, Bill Strahlem to the EMA volunteer roster. All of the above-named meet all the outlined requirements in the county ordinance to become volunteers. A motion made by W. Bennett to approve these new volunteers and seconded by M. Deitrich. Motion carries with all in favor and none opposed.

EMA will be making further changes to the roster by removing the following volunteers Vicki and Tim Cree, Kent Hall, Zach Zimmerman, Ty Rowan. A motion was made by R. Bair to remove these volunteers and seconded by G. Chambers. Motion carries with all in favor and none opposed.

**v. CLAIMS REVIEW-**

Claims were reviewed by board members. A motion by G. Chambers to approve this month's claims and seconded W. Bennett. Motion carries with all in favor and none opposed.

**vi. BOARD QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

None brought forward

**vii. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

None brought forward

**viii. NEXT MEETING-**

September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7pm

**ix. Adjournment-**

Motion by R. Bair and seconded by G. Chambers meeting adjourned 7:34 pm

**Respectfully Submitted**

*Felicity Perez-Nuscis*