

CASS COUNTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (EMAC)
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2021

The Cass County EMAC Met at 7pm at the office of the Emergency Management Agency (EMA), 1227 State Road 17, Logansport, IN 46947. This meeting was rescheduled from November 3, 2021.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ed Schroder. Rocky Buffum was requested to take minutes in the absence of the secretary.

PRESENT: Alvin Beckman, Felicity Perez, Rocky Buffum, Ed Schroder, Tracy Williamson, Dan MacDonald, Rick Bair, Mikel Fort, Jeff Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion duly made and seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

GRANTS

Felicity Perez reports EMA accepted the 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) of \$28,000 for salary reimbursement.

DISTRICT 4

No updates

2022 BUDGET

Alvin Beckman reported the 2022 budget was approved. Most employees received a 5% increase. EMA is entering 2022 with three staff instead of the consolidation to 2.

WARNING SIRENS

ERS did some work a few months ago. There was no test in October due to weather and the November test did not occur so we are unsure what the status of repairs is.

Federal Field Services will be taking over maintenance in 2022.

ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS

Once every six years all 17 positions on the EMAC come up for reappointment. This is one of those years. Alvin Beckman will be sending letters to appointing authorities indicating the need to make an appointment.

Rocky Buffum highlighted our struggles for a quorum and asked if the Commissioners might consider revising the county emergency management ordinance. If we follow the model emergency management ordinance from Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) we don't need 17 members. The EMAC has multiple members on the roster who did not attend a meeting during their term.

Ed Schroder asked Alvin Beckman to prepare an email for Commissioners and County Attorney to review.

2022 MEETING DATES

Discussion was held on meeting dates for 2022. The newly formed Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board has multiple members in common with the EMAC and the meeting conflicts.

Members reported after the first of the year the EMS Board will meet less frequently and it should be easier to offset meetings.

The December EMAC meeting will be moved to Tuesday, December 14th to avoid conflict with EMS Board.

2022 meetings will return to the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm.

ACTIVITY/RESPONSE REPORT

On October 22 there was a Waste Management Truck fire with diesel leak.

Rocky Buffum provided a report on the response to the Anderson's Anhydrous Ammonia Release in Walton on November 5.

Royal Center had an incident of material left in a recycling bin.

Tyson Foods provided notification to the LEPC of an Anhydrous Ammonia release that occurred on their property and was handled internally.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/TRAININGS/EXERCISES

The Emergency Management Alliance of Indiana and Indiana Emergency Response Commission Conferences were attended by Tiffany. She also attended the recent damage assessment training in Fountain County.

ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Alvin Beckman provided an update on health issues.

CLAIMS REPORT

Claims were presented for the following periods:

September 3-October 6	\$3,772.71
October 7-November 3	\$2,535.57

Discussion was held on the Enterprise lease program. Alvin Beckman does not believe it is in EMA's best interest to continue participation. Beckman reports the vehicles changing out causes difficulty and delays moving equipment around that is needed for response, and some equipment does not transfer between older and newer vehicles. Beckman also discussed issues with billing practices. Other county department heads present also expressed confusion with month-to-month invoice totals.

Felicity Perez reported on title issues for the Ram Truck that was to be used as a trade in for lease vehicles. Issues have to be handled by the County Commissioners as the executive office for the county. Enterprise sent communication they may increase lease amount due to delay in taking possession of the Ram Truck.

Claims were approved on a motion duly made and seconded.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned on a motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Rocky Buffum