

Cass County EMA Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2011

Meeting called to order at 1900 by Herb Bowman

Clay Scott and Randy Pryor were introduced as new members. Clay will represent the Town of Royal Center and Randy Pryor is the newly elected Sheriff.

Motion to accept minutes of previous meeting as corrected by Wally, second by Herb Detrick. Motion carried

Old Business

Spending for the 2010 SHSP is complete. We are waiting on the check for the 2009 EMPG grant. Spending for the 2010 BZPP grant cannot begin until January of 2012. Work on the other grants continues.

A joint meeting of the DPC and DPOC is scheduled for January 27th in Lafayette. Work continues on the mutual aid agreement.

Alvin is evaluating hosting NIMS training this spring for new leadership in county emergency response agencies.

A CERT class is scheduled for February 15, 17, 21, 24, and 26th open to anyone who is interested. Amy Beechy is preparing a press release to raise awareness.

Neighborhood watch programs are going well and more groups have expressed interest.

5 Board Appointments have been returned so far.

The budget was approved as presented. Last year between \$4,000 and \$5,000 was returned unspent.

New Business

Election of Officers: A motion was made by Phil to keep the current officers. Second by Mayor Mike Fincher. Motion carried with Herb Detrick the only opposed.

The county has adopted a new PTO policy that will require our EMA staff to take time off or loose time accumulated above the maximum allowance. Alvin will have 56 days to use or loose and Vicki 31 days. Some of this time may be donated to the county sick bank.

Claims were presented in the amount of \$7,955.99. Alvin reported requested permission to pay two additional claims that had not yet been received but were anticipated to arrive by Friday. These were invoices from North Central COOP for fuel and Westside Transmission for work on the Ford Explorer. Alvin explained if not approved at this meeting vendors would not receive payment until March. Motion to approve current claims and additional request by Phil, second by Herb Detrick. Motion carried.

Alvin reported the advisory council will still meet monthly. 2011 dates have been advertised and copies of the advertisement were included in the read file.

It has been 4 years since the county's CEMP has been revamped. Alvin is looking at a full review/revision this year and will be utilizing the board and county agencies in this process.

A question was presented about the tornado siren in Onward. We are evaluating placing a new siren that can be remote activated. The current siren is 50 years old, has maintenance issue, and would require significant work to get to the point where it could be remote activated.

Mayor Fincher raised a question about the status of sirens in Logansport. Alvin reported there are three that need to be moved: Columbia School, City Building, and the old Ivy Tech campus. Alvin reported there is also one on the old Jefferson School that is not currently hooked up. New costs for the sirens themselves are \$7,500-\$8,000 with total installation costs between \$19,000 and \$20,000. There are currently six sirens in the county that cannot be remote activated.

Motion to adjourn at 1945 by Wally, second by Herb Detrick. Motion carried.