

Cass County EMA Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2012

PRESENT: Alvin Beckman, Rocky Buffum, Herb Bowman, Mark Strong, Mike Clark, Randy Pryor, Herb Detrick

Meeting called to order at 7PM by Alvin Beckman

Approval of minutes was tabled due to lack of a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

GRANTS: The RACES grant is being managed by the radio club manager. The EOC grant is in the purchasing phase as is the BZPP grant. Discussion was made detailing the smartboard, TV, laptops/ipads to be purchased for the EOC and alternate EOC, the toughbook computers to be purchased with the BZPP funds, the mass notification systems (Code Red and Global Connect) being evaluated for implementation and the reduction in funding for the State Homeland Security Grants.

DISTRICT 4: All elements of the D4 Task Force deployed to Southern Indiana to assist with the recent tornadoes. They were initially sent to Washington County then diverted to Henryville. Two members are still their assisting with finance operations. Alvin would like to build more Cass County participation in the task force.

NIMS: The ICS300 course scheduled at the sheriff's department is full. The dates have changed to April 4th and 5th starting at 8AM. Alvin will be working with all agencies to complete NIMS inventories including resource typing.

NEW BUSINESS

EOC PLANNING: Alvin is working to form a group from city and county departments and elected officials to visit the Clinton County EOC in Frankfort. He feels the community is similar to ours in many regards and would like input on ideas to incorporate into the Cass County EOC. He also discussed the possibility of the LEPC funding \$1,000 annually for Freedom Web.

NEW CELL PHONE ACTIVATION: Alvin presented a new agreement for cell phone service with AT&T. The previous phone (Centennial) is no longer supported. Sheriff Pryor indicated we may be able to save money by adding a phone to the sheriff account. Alvin will research this possibility.

COMPUTER UPDATE: New computers were installed last Friday and there are a number of error messages being generated while attempting to use the various systems EMA utilizes. Work in progress.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims were submitted in the amount of \$1,820.49. Motion to approve by Herb Detrick, second by Randy Pryor. Motion carried.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: There is a question on the budgeting of funds for Vicki's salary. Half is to be paid by EMA, the half to be paid by County Highway isn't where it should be in the budget. A budget modification was requested to fix the issue and then was rejected. Alvin is researching the issue.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN was made at 802PM by Herb Detrick with a second by Mark Strong. Motion carried.

The next meeting is to be held on April 4, 2012 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rocky Buffum
EMAC Secretary