

Cass County Emergency Management Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
February 1, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7PM by Herb Bowman

PRESENT: Alvin Beckman, Rocky Buffum, Randy Pryor, Herb Bowman, Wally Bennett, Phil Rains, Mike Clark, Tom Heflin, Ed Shroder

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Work continues on three outstanding grants. This includes the EOC grant for upgrades at the primary and backup EOC facilities, the \$200,000 BZPP grant and the EMPG grant.

Alvin is now on the three member executive committee for IDHS District 4 and would like to build more participation from Cass County. He cited the other D4 counties are contiguous to Tippecanoe County and this has been a challenge. District 4 will be deploying resources to Muscatatuck for an exercise on April 23-27 along with Districts 5 and 6. EMA directors are required to attend.

Sheriff Randy Pryor requested NIMS ICS300 and 400 training. Alvin has arranged for this to be held on March 13, 14, 15, and 16 at the Cass County Sheriff Department. Bob and Keith from Wabash County EMA will be the instructors.

There are still board members waiting to be appointed/reappointed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The county CEMP needs to be reviewed and updated. Alvin will be forming task groups for law enforcement, fire and other ESF's to update individual components. After these updates are made the plan must then be approved by the advisory council and then submitted to the county commissioners. Alvin has a goal of June 1 to have this project completed.

The role of the advisory council is being expanded through changes in IDHS and the EMA Assessment. The advisory council will need to vote on updates to the Hazard Mitigation Plan and other policies before they are submitted to the commissioners for approval. The council discussed the siren policy but should have been asked to vote on it. Meeting minutes will need to show these approvals in the future.

Claims were submitted in the amount of \$7,187.91. A motion to approve was made by Phil Rains with a second by Wally Bennett. Motion carried.

Alvin reported he will be attending the wide area search class to be conducted by TEEX in Vincennes. This will discuss search operations in events such as the Joplin tornado.

Training for weather spotters will be held at IU Health in Monticello (formerly known as White County Memorial Hospital). The training will be conducted on March 7 at 130PM and offered again at 630PM. Those wanting to register should contact White County EMA at 574-583-4692.

The Great Central US Shakeout will be held on February 7 this year.

Work continues on the Mass Feeding and Shelter Plan with the American Red Cross.

The next EMAC meeting will be held on March 7, 2012 at 7PM

Motion to adjourn at 745PM by Wally Bennett. Second by Phil Rains. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rocky Buffum  
EMAC Secretary