

**Cass County Emergency Management Agency
Special Joint Meeting (LEPC & EMAC)
May 1, 2013, 4PM, Commissioner Hearing Room**

Meeting called to order with welcome by Alvin Beckman.

PRESENT: Randy Pryor (LEPC/EMAC/Sheriff), Rocky Buffum (EMAC, LEPC-Proxy for Robert Kasting, City Housing Authority), Ed Schroder (EMAC/LEPC/Town of Royal Center), Ryan Mix (EMAC/Town of Galveston), Mike Clark (Logansport Police/EMAC), Herb Bowman (EMAC/LEPC), Phil Rains (EMAC), Tom Heflin (Town of Walton/EMAC), George Stebbins (Cass County Council), Alvin Beckman (EMA/LEPC/Cass County EMA), Larry Lucas (LEPC), Bradd Coughlin (LEPC-Proxy for Dusty Fry), Bob & Sandra Curry (LEPC/American Red Cross), Dan McDonald (Cass County Dispatch), Rick Lee (Town of Walton), Mike Morphet (Logansport Police), Stacey Donato (Cass County Council/EMAC), Sharon Gerlach (IDHS), Tom Sherron (IDHS)

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY PRESENTATION

Tom Sherron and Sharon Gerlach from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security presented a presentation on what emergency management is and isn't, the roles and responsibilities of the EMA Director and advisory council, the rules and laws related to emergency management, the disaster declaration process and issues related to the EMPG and disaster reimbursement. The presentation lasted about an hour and twenty minutes.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Rocky Buffum with a second by Larry Lucas. Motion carried.

Alvin advised he is working with Larry from the Andersons on a tabletop exercise with a tentative date of June 4.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2013.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous meeting by Phil Rains with a second by Randy Pryor. Motion carried.

Alvin discussed the recent flooding in the county. He is working with IDHS to seek a disaster declaration. 17 or 18 homes had major or destroyed ratings in the damage assessment process. These were mostly mobile homes and trailers along the river but also included four or five houses. Alvin reported if the river would have crested at 16.5 feet as originally predicted it would have been far worse. Alvin indicated Rocky, Ryan and all but two county fire departments assisted.

Claims were submitted in the amount of \$1,531.80. A motion to approve was made by Rocky Buffum with a motion by Mike Clark. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2013.

The floor was opened for questions and comments. Hearing none a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ryan Mix with a second by Mike Clark. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rocky Buffum