



#### CALL TO ORDER

The Cass County EMAC met at 7PM at the Office of the Cass County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) at 1227 N SR 17, Logansport, IN 46947.

The meeting was called to order by Herb Bowman. Present were Rocky Buffum, Randy Pryor, Herb Detrick, Herb Bowman, Phil Rains, Wally Bennett, Alvin Beckman, Tracy Williamson and Liz Troxell

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### GRANTS

Alvin Beckman reported we have two grant related claims to be encumbered. We will be purchasing light towers and iPads. Some of the other items we requested approval to purchase were denied.

There is still a question about whether 2015 Homeland Security Grant funding will be made available. The federal government has implemented new procedures the state is still learning. Only seven Indiana counties have had requests approved. The state received a lot of negative feedback at the Emergency Management Alliance of Indiana (EMAI) Conference.

##### IDHS DISTRICT 4

An exercise was recently held using WebEOC and radio systems. The scenario was a tornado outbreak involving Warren, Benton, Tippecanoe, White and Cass Counties.

##### RTIPP KICK-OFF

More than fifty attended the initial meeting and 14 attended a follow up meeting. Follow up meeting attendance was reduced due to technical problems with e-mail and trouble securing the meeting location. A tabletop exercise is scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-3PM at the Logansport Police Department Training Room at the old Trine University Campus. Rocky Buffum reported the scenario will be a snow event with a public health emergency involved.

##### DATES FOR 2016 MEETINGS

2016 meeting dates will be January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, and December 7<sup>th</sup>. The EMAC will continue to meet at 7PM.

##### BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS

Tracy Williamson will be replacing Stacey Donato as the Cass County Council representative. A letter was sent to the Mayor-Elect for the City of Logansport. There has been no reply so far from the towns or fire district appointing authorities.

##### ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### EMAI/IERC CONFERENCE

Nothing to report

#### MEETING WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY

Some of our warning sirens are on public property others are on private property. We have differing arrangements to cover the cost of utility fees for sirens. Contracts need to be prepared to cover agreements that are currently only verbal.

Alvin Beckman will be meeting with the county attorney to discuss liability issues related to other agencies storing equipment at the EMA Office.

#### RECENT TRAININGS/MEETINGS

Alvin Beckman attended a meeting in Wabash with Department of Natural Resources, Federal Emergency Management Agency and other officials. Alvin Beckman discussed two bridges in Cass County that are built on wood pilings and become clogged with debris frequently. Some funds may be available for the mitigation of the associated flooding hazards.

On November 13<sup>th</sup> Orion Safety Products offered a tour of their facility for public safety personnel. Products and potential scenarios were demonstrated and the organizational management welcomed feedback on how to address specific hazards. Alvin Beckman, Rocky Buffum, Randy Pryor and Ed Schroder attended.

Cass County Health Department and Indiana State Department of Health had a meeting discussing Ebola and response to communicable disease events. Alvin Beckman attended.

The RTIPP Tabletop Exercise is scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup>.

A meeting with the Health Department is scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS

The Annual EMA Christmas party will be Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. All are encouraged to bring a covered dish. Alvin Beckman specified there should be something in the dish that is covered. We will again be encouraging donations for the Salvation Army food pantry as well.

#### CLAIMS

Claims were approved in the amount of \$3,723.04 on a motion duly made and seconded.

#### QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

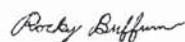
Phil Rains asked if Logansport Fire Department would be storing an engine at EMA. Alvin Beckman reported the engine previously discussed may be sold to Twelve Mile Fire Department.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the EMAC is scheduled for January 6, 2016 at 7PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Rocky Buffum  
EMAC Secretary