



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 Herb Bowman, Stacey Donato, Phil Rains, Wally Bennett, Rocky Buffum, Alvin Beckman and Liz Troxell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were tabled due to lack of a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

GRANTS

Alvin Beckman has a call scheduled Friday with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) Grants Office.

IDHS DISTRICT 4

The next meeting for IDHS District 4 is scheduled for October 15th in Lafayette.

2016 BUDGET

The 2016 budget passed its second reading. Issues related to funding for the NIPSCO bill have been resolved. The current form of the budget includes a 2.6% pay increase for department heads, a \$3,000 increase for other full time employees and part time employees maintaining the same pay rate.

RTIPP & TEPW ASSESSMENT

The kickoff meeting for the Readiness: Training Identification and Preparedness Planning (RTIPP) process is tomorrow from 11am-1pm at the McHale Complex. Food will be provided. Rocky Buffum and Alvin Beckman will be the facilitators. Alvin Beckman indicated he wanted to thank Rocky Buffum for his work on the RTIPP Project.

RE-ROOF/SIDE BARN

Alvin Beckman reports work will be completed later this month by Shane Johnson.

ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

WARNING SIREN PURCHASE

Alvin Beckman reports he received a phone call from Logansport Mayor Ted Franklin indicating he would like to purchase and have installed a warning siren to replace the one that was removed from the roof of Columbia School. Alvin Beckman delivered a presentation to the Logansport Board of Public Works & Safety this morning. The City of Logansport will purchase the siren. The installation cost will be about \$26,000. Alvin Beckman reports when he started working at Cass County EMA the installation cost for one siren was \$10,000 and the county had 10 sirens. After the City of Logansport siren is installed the county will have 27 operational warning sirens. Alvin Beckman reports new technology has reduced the need for more warning sirens in some cases.

NEW LIGHTS OUTSIDE

Shepler Construction installed new lights on the outside of the building and installed a working doorbell.

HOME DEPOT SAFETY FAIR

Chris Cover, Liz Troxell and Rocky Buffum manned the EMA booth at the Home Depot Safety Festival. The Decontamination Tent was on display. Cold weather had a negative impact on attendance.

CLAIMS

Claims were presented in the amount of \$1,902.36. Claims were approved as presented on a motion duly made and seconded.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Alvin Beckman reported EMAC Member Herb Detrick was married Saturday.

At the next meeting we will discuss reappointments for those with expiring terms on the EMAC.

The EMA Christmas party is being planned for December 5th or 12th. It might be held on December 11th this year which would be Friday evening. Alvin Beckman is considering having a meal catered this year.

Phil Rains asked about current guidance for bus drivers if a funnel cloud is spotted. Discussion was held. Alvin Beckman reported the best guidance is for the school to hold students when sever weather is present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the EMAC is scheduled for November 4, 2015 at 7PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Rocky Buffum
EMAC Secretary