



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, Herb Bowman, Herb Detrick, Phil Rains, Alvin Beckman, Mark Strong, Wally Bennett, Ed Schroder, Randy Pryor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion duly made and seconded

OLD BUSINESS

GRANTS

Alvin Beckman reported both of Cass County EMA's grant requests were denied. Alvin reports only one request of a possible 18 were approved from District 4. No grant requests were approved from District 1 and 2 of 5 counties had requests approved in District 2. The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) received a lot of negative feedback about the grants program at the Emergency Management Alliance of Indiana (EMA) Conference.

IDHS DISTRICT 4

District 4 submitted a grant proposal for the maintenance cost of district task force equipment. The request was denied.

RTIPP KICK-OFF

A summary report was included in the read file. 53 people attended. A follow up meeting will be held this month. Rocky Buffum reported the three most commonly requested trainings from the initial meeting were Active Shooter, HAZMAT and emergency planning. Rocky Buffum reported the next meeting will focus on getting things moving on holding some classes and putting together a tabletop exercise to further help evaluate training and capability needs.

WARNING SIREN PURCHASE

Alvin Beckman reported the City of Logansport is going ahead with the purchase of a warning siren for the Columbia School area. Alvin would like to have the old siren installed and placed back into service. Logansport Municipal Utilities (LMU) will be completing some work which will lower the installation cost.

Alvin reports it was purchased in the 1970's and it will be difficult to get parts for. Alvin also reported it has been sitting outside unused for over a year so we need to determine if it still works.

EMA needs a policy to determine who covers the utility costs of warning sirens for the three that are not on public property.

NEW LIGHTS OUTSIDE

Alvin reported the new lights are operational and work has been completed.

ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

EMAI/IERC CONFERENCE

The Emergency Management Alliance of Indiana (EMAI)/Indiana Emergency Response Commission (IERC) Conference was held on October 20-23. Alvin Beckman reported it was a good conference.

BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS

Every sixth year everyone has to be reappointed. Alvin reports 2015 is that sixth year. Alvin indicated letters will be sent to the appointing authorities.

AGENCY EQUIPMENT STORAGE

Alvin believes the Logansport Police Department SWAT Truck and Hummers will be moving to a different location. EMA needs a policy to cover liability if something happens to another organizations equipment while being stored at EMA. Alvin Beckman reports Cass County Weights & Measures, the Cass County Health Department, Logansport Police Department and Amateur Radio Club all have equipment at the EMA facility.

POWER OUTAGE

EMA is charged to provide backup power if an outage occurs at polling stations during the election. EMA was called this year and was able to respond and have things running within 15 minutes.

Alvin Beckman reported the County Government Building would be getting a new back-up generator and asked the EMAC if EMA should acquire the old one. Ed Shroder expressed concerns about the age of the unit, the need to purchase a fuel source, compatibility with modern electronics and liability. Rocky Buffum suggested it might be beneficial to facilitate transfer of the generator to a religious or non-profit organization for use at an emergency shelter site.

CLAIMS

Claims were approved in the amount of \$3,578.37 on a motion duly made and seconded.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Alvin Beckman will be traveling to Wabash tomorrow to attend a meeting about the Wabash River Valley and Flooding issues.

Orion Safety Products has invited public safety personnel to take a tour and have lunch on Friday the 13th.

The EMA Christmas party will be held at 6PM on December 11th which is a Friday night.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the EMAC is scheduled for December 2, 2015 at 7PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Rocky Buffum
EMAC Secretary