

**MARSHALL COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION (LEPC)
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2026**

The Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) of Marshall County, Indiana, met for a regularly scheduled meeting in the Purdue Extension Meeting Room 304, 112 W. Jefferson Street, Plymouth, Indiana at 10:03 a.m., Wednesday, April 8, 2026. Present were the following Primary and Proxy Members with voting rights:

Broadcast/Print Media	Jamie Fleury, Plymouth Pilot News
Community Groups	Mickey Davenport, Red Cross
Emergency Management	Jack Garner, Marshall County EMA
EMS	John Lampkins, Plymouth EMS
Environmental	Marianne Peters, Marshall County Solid Waste
Firefighting	Chuy Garcia, Plymouth Fire Department
Public Health	Faith Freed, Marshall County Health Department***
Hospitals	Terry Rhoda, Beacon Health Systems
Industry	Heather Johnson, BCI Solutions***
Law Enforcement	Zach McGuigan, Marshall County Sheriff's Dept ***
Local Government	Angie Birchmeier, Marshall County Auditor
Transportation	Jason Peters, Marshall County Highway

***Proxy member voting in place of absent primary member.

The following Non-Voting Proxy Members were in attendance:

Community Groups	Brieanna Slonaker, Purdue Extension
	Ward Byers, Plymouth Community Schools
EMA	Leah Bender, Elkhart County EMA
Environmental	Jodie Overmyer, Soil & Water District
Hospitals	Angie Kain, St. Joseph Health System

Also in attendance was Jason Peters, IDEM Emergency Response Coordinator

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Garner welcomed the new members in attendance, Faith Freed of the Marshall County Health Department and Zach McGuigan of the Marshall County Sheriff's Department.

2026 DELIVERABLES

Discussion was held regarding the progress of the 2026 Deliverables. The following items were completed: Legal Notice of Completed Meeting Schedule, Roster Report, and Bylaws Report. The following are in progress: Exercise Proposal due 5/1 and Meeting Minutes Report. The following items are not yet completed: Exercise Final Report, LEPC Plan and Fiscal & Auditor's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of the February 11, 2026 meeting were presented. No changes were requested. **Chuy Garcia moved, second by Terry Rhoda to approve the February 11, 2026 minutes as presented. Motion carried 12-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Birchmeier presented the financial report of the LEPC with an ending cash balance of \$23,699.00 as of March 31, 2026. Due to inactivity of the LEPC, no expenditure can be made from the LEPC fund until after one year of activity. Funding Sources are the interest earned on the cash balance monthly and the SARA Title II. All funding received is for training or equipment. Having an active LEPC also allows for expanded grant opportunities.

EXERCISE SUBCOMMITTEE

Chairperson Garner reported that a tabletop exercise with the scenario of anhydrous ammonia at the Union-North School Corporation will be held later in the year. This scenario and location were chosen to allow for mutual aid with another county.

LEPC PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE

The subcommittee had no report but would like more participants to help.

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Discussion was held regarding upcoming training opportunities with a list of several presented. Chairperson Garner discussed the District 2 EMA Stakeholder meeting to be held on April 23, 2026, along with several other opportunities. The Mass Fatalities training is still open but due to funding issues for Homeland Security there is a chance this will be cancelled.

ROUND TABLE/OPEN DISCUSSION

There was no round table/open discussion business heard.

ADJOURNMENT

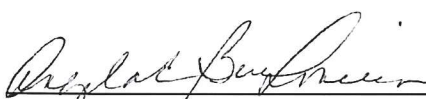
With no further business to come before the board, **John Lampkins moved, second by Mickey Davenport to adjourn at 10:23 am.**



Jack Garner, Chairperson
Marshall County EMA Director



John Lampkins, Vice-Chairperson
Plymouth Fire Department/EMS

ATTEST: 

Angela C. Birchmeier, Secretary/Treasurer
Marshall County Auditor