



April 28, 2022

Meeting called to order by Vice Chairman Bobby Schwickerath

Commission members present: James Mitchell, Martin Hemann, Amy Laures, Jacob Hackman, Randy Taylor, Bobby Schwickerath, Jim Ashley.

Absent: Mark Mueterties, Samantha Johnson, David Geerts

Motion by Jim Ashley, seconded by Randy Taylor, to approve the agenda. All Ayes, Motion Carried

Motion by James Mitchell, seconded by Martin Hemann to approve the January 26, 2022 Emergency Management Commission meeting minutes with the correction of James Mitchell's last name in the adjournment motion. Ayes Laures, Ashley, Mitchell, Taylor, Schwickerath, and Hemann. Hackman abstained. Motion Carried

Motion by Randy Taylor, seconded by Bobby Schwickerath to appoint Martin Hemann to review Emergency Management Claims before payment. Ayes, Motion Carried

Jeff Bernatz gave an update of Senate File 2153, an act where the Emergency Management Commission can assume the roles and power of a Joint 911 Service Board. Bernatz will research further to see if this is something Chickasaw County is interested in.

EMA/Rescue Squad hosted an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) class in New Hampton this past winter, 10 students have already passed and 2 need to retest. Jeff Bernatz advised that there is already a waiting list for another EMT class to be held this fall following harvest.

Jeff Bernatz gave an update on exercises, working with SA2 for regional exercise and Chickasaw County Public Health for local exercises. Submitted an application to the state for Real World Exercise Credit (COVID-19) and was awarded credit.

COVID-19 – Chickasaw County EMA is in monitoring mode, No EOC activation. Working with Public Health to distribute PPE as needed. If any agency needs PPE, please let EMA know.

Jeff Bernatz has met with the Safety Officer from Summit Carbon Solutions; they are offering training for all first responders.

EMA hosted Storm Spotter for 40 participants. EMA has submitted Weather Event Briefings for all county celebrations.

Jeff Bernatz gave an update on the County Fire Meetings. Most discussions are about the LMR system. We have created the Chickasaw County ISICS User Group for anyone that uses the ISICS LMR system. Next meeting is May 23, 2022. MercyAir Med will teach landing zone operations.

Chickasaw Ambulance Council Update – feasibility study is complete, results will be presented on May 17, 2022 6pm at the Chickasaw Center.

Chickasaw County EMA received a \$5000 grant from the Community Foundation to purchase a mobile data terminal to mounted in the first-out Rescue truck. This MDT will be used for patient care reports, rescue run tickets, and other Emergency Management disaster and recovery functions.

Jeff Bernatz advised the commission of the new county website: www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov/emergency_management911/

Jeff Bernatz presented "EMA Goals for 2022" to the commission.

Motion by Jim Ashley, seconded by Randy Taylor for a 6% salary increase for the Emergency Management Coordinator totaling \$56,244.66. Roll Call: Alta Vista-Aye, Bassett-Aye, Fredericksburg-Nay, Ionia-Aye, New Hampton-Aye, Supervisors-Nay, and Sheriff-Aye. Motion Carried 5/2.

Motion by Randy Taylor, seconded by Jacob Hackman to adjourn. All Ayes, Motion Carried Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm


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