



December 5, 2024

Meeting called to order by Matt Kuhn at 6:16 pm

Commission members present Steve Geerts, Amy Laures, James Mitchell, Samantha Johnson, Jason Tenge, Matt Kuhn, Mark Mueterthies

Absent: Jim Ashley, Randy Taylor, Ryan Shawver

Guests: Sheriton Dettmer, Brody Mitchell, Jeff Bernatz

Motion by Laures, seconded by Mueterthies to approve the agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Mueterthies, seconded by Tenge to approve the July 31, 2024 Emergency Management Commission meeting minutes. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Bernatz discussed a hold harmless agreement between Chickasaw County and Chickasaw County Emergency Management Commission for grills that are stored in the county's building that was suggested by the insurance company. Commission members would like, if there is going to be an agreement that it covers all EMA equipment in that building, not just the grills. An outside cage will be purchased to house the LP tanks. Commission members also recommended running it passed an attorney. No action taken at this time.

Bernatz discussed updates to the Chickasaw County Firefighting Mutual Assistance Agreement. Mitchell discussed countywide jurisdiction and, in his opinion, would like to see it spelled out. Kuhn suggested that maybe if it is written out for each department then it would be ok. Commission members suggested discussing this with an attorney as well. Mitchell and Geerts agreed that it could be approved and then if needed an amendment could address the issues. Motion by Geerts, second by Mueterthies to approved the updated Chickasaw County Firefighting Mutual Assistance Agreement. Roll Call: Geerts-yes, Mueterthies-yes, Johnson-yes, Tenge-yes, Mitchell-no, Laures-yes, Kuhn-yes. 6-1 Motion Carried.

Bernatz discussed that updates to the EMA Commission by-laws that now allow virtual meeting participation. Virtual participants will be counted towards a quorum and will be allowed to vote. This update will be approved at the January 2025 EMA Commission meeting to abide by notification guidelines.

Bernatz discussed the renewal of the National Weather Service Storm Ready certification for Chickasaw County.

Bernatz advised that he will be vacation from December 26, 2024 – January 2, 2025. Bremer and Howard EMA will be covering Chickasaw County.

Motion by Mitchell, second by Laures, to adjourn. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.


Jeff Bernatz, Coordinator
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