



## Marshall County Emergency Management Agency

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### MINUTES November 14, 2024 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING

Call to Order at 7:09 p.m. by the Co-Chair Phillips.

Present were: Kim Elder, EM; Evan Folk, Laurel; Madaleine Welton, Haverhill; Phil Summers, Gilman EMS/Fire; Marie Thoms, Marion Township; Dale Thompson, Ferguson; Glenda Thompson, Ferguson City Council; Zac Mann, 911; Tiffany Eibs, 911; Julie Mann, visitor; Arlis Mann, visitor; Cynthia Mansager, Melbourne; John Lauer, Racom; Joel Phillips, Sheriff; Carol Webb, Marshalltown – observation only (Zoom); Jon Thomas, State Center PD; Brad Pfantz, Zoom; Wendy Eldridge, (Zoom) Rhodes; Caitlin Reinke, MCCC.

Motion to approve the agenda for the November 14, 2024 meeting made by Melbourne and seconded by Haverhill. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes for July 2024 meeting by Melbourne and seconded by Laurel. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business: The Marshall County HMGP 2023 grant – Siren project has all been turned in to the state and in the closeout phase. Kim will update everyone when it is closed out and the county can work with each jurisdiction for the sign over of the sirens and equipment on the poles in various locations. No changes yet to the Iowa Code 29C, but it is being looked at again for changes to the way that EM at the local level is funded. The state does not allocate any states funds for local EM, only federal grants are passed through the state for locals. The local funding is defined in 29C and may be changed to include a levy. This will be watched and reported on as it moves through committees. Thank you to all that returned evaluations for EM coordinator. Those were reviewed by the chair and co-chair and then a meeting with Kim on Wednesday, November 6 to go over any concerns. All are kept on file in the Board of Supervisors office. Kim will get a quote for 911 budget for the Commander subscription which runs the warning siren programming. Kim discussed the difference between Public Assistance (PA) and

Individual Assistance (IA) for State and Presidentially Declared disasters and their similarities and differences. The PA available for #4784 (April/May flooding) Presidential Declaration information was sent out Monday, July 8 to all jurisdictions. No denials are sent to counties; no information is sent out to jurisdictions from EM if no changes from the state or Federal level. Jurisdictions are encouraged to reach out if questions arise after an event. The MOU for fiscal between MCCC and EMA was signed and is on file. This allows for a line item to run through the EM budget for the MCCC. CERT Rodeo hosted in September, this is a state CERT training and went well. A new CERT class in November was held and we had a full class with several applying to join the Marshall County team.

New Business: Due to the manufacturer's recommendation, the sirens will not be tested when the weather anywhere in Marshall County is 34 degrees Fahrenheit or below. There will still be a silent test for the sirens through the computer which only shows the electrical and communication from tower to tower/siren to siren. The sirens will be tested if over 34 degrees even in the winter, on the Tuesday at 9 a.m. time per usual policy. The sirens will activate during a tornado warning no matter the temperature. The legacy/old sirens are on the same system as the new are so they will all activate or not activate dependent on the weather. The CERT team has 3 new members join last month. The EMS grant is being worked on by EM, EMS and PH. They met last night to go over the details and plans were written for the next 2 years per grant guidance. Emergency Support Functions 10, 1, 7 and 3 updates sent out to partners for review. They will be sent to the state after the reviews. EM education has been completed for FY24 grant guidelines plus the peer support conference in Des Moines. International EM Conference will be in November. Kim presented the budget estimates/overview for FY26. Most numbers will remain the same. Looking at 5% increase in salary, 5% increase on assessments for jurisdictions, 5 % hazmat tax levy increase and a few adjustments throughout the line items. Next meeting there will be actual numbers to share and will need to be published in late December. EMPG budget allotment for FY25 from state pass-through down slightly from the last year.

Other Business: Nothing further.

Public Forum- No public comment.

Adjournment- There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting is adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting December 12, 2024. Budget will be presented for approval to publish.

Meeting dates for 2025 are January 2 (budget hearing), April 10, July 10, November 13, and December 11.