



## Iowa County Emergency Management

February 2, 2023 @ 6:00pm  
Iowa County EMA Office  
Marengo, Iowa

### Minutes

**Call to Order** by Commission Chair Sheriff Rotter @ 6:00PM

Attendance: EMA Staff- Josh Humphrey

Commission members- Sheriff Rotter, Pawlak(arrived at 6:10), Rabe, Grier, Heitshusen, Cavin (via Phone) and 911 Coordinator Klaaren

Absent were: EMA Staff Husband, Fry, Ward, Stoner, Cavin

Public in attendance- Abigail Maas, Alan Schumacher, and Chris Montross

**Approval of Agenda** – Motion by Heitshusen to approval the 2-2-23 agenda, second by Rabe, All ayes

**Public Hearing For FY24 Budget-** Sheriff Rotter opened the public hearing at 6:01. Abigail Maas spoke for Board of Supervisors, stating that this year is going to be a challenge to balance the budget and they were at a 2% ending fund balance. She also stated that they were asking the other county department heads to revise budgets with a 4.5% raise and not the 9% that was recommended by the comp board. She also spoke that she had spoken to a bonding agent and they may be looking to bond the radio money that is in the EMA budget. She hadn't had time to get details figured out prior to this meeting but said they were looking into it. She requested that the commission table the budget until the board could figure out what they were doing with the radio stuff and also what the property tax corrections are going to be. Humphrey asked if the bonding agent was aware this was maintenance and that the equipment already has an existing bond on it? Maas stated that she didn't think that mattered but still needed to check into it. Sheriff Rotter asked Humphrey if there was enough time to postpone and he said they had time to if that is what the group decided. No other Comments Motion by Grier, second by Rabe to close the public hearing 6:24pm

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** Motion by Pawlak to approve the 1-12-2023 minutes, second by Rabe All ayes.

### **Old Business**

CrisisGo for Schools- Humphrey provided the group with an update on the project and a spreadsheet with how each school plans to use the system. Humphrey expressed some concern that this system isn't been used for what it was intended and that some of the schools aren't taking full advantage of it.

C6 Zero Fire Update- Humphrey provided a brief update about the AAR and the most recent letter from the attorney generals office in regards to the firefighter gear. Alan Schumacher requested to speak and asked Humphrey if he was going to talk about the retention pond. Humphrey responded with an update that the DNR are planning to pump and treat the water in the retention pond. Also that the drainage district has received a go ahead letter from DNR to dig a ditch bypassing the retention pond. This will go to the supervisors for approval on 2-3-23.

## **New Business**

Budget FY23/24 – After discussion during public comment period, Motion by Grier to table budget and set new public hearing date for February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm at the EMA office, second by Rabe. All Ayes.

Radio System Maintenance Amendment #1- Humphrey recommended this be tabled since budget isn't approved. Motion by Heitshusen, second by Rabe to table the Maintenance Amendment. All Ayes.

SF41 Legislative Update- Humphrey provided the group with a hand out and the current bill language for a bill that is working thru the legislature currently. The bill would remove the county supplemental levy from the funding options in 29c and add an EMA Special levy and also make EMA a taxing authority. Abigail Maas spoke and said that she was at ISAC and they were also looking at changing how the commission is made up so the Board of Supervisors has more representation.

## **Other Business**

**Adjourn**- Motion by Heitshusen, second by Grier to adjourn @ 6:44 pm



Iowa County EMA Commission Meeting Sign in Sheet

Elected Members	Signature	Representing
Kevin Heitshusen		Iowa County Board of Supervisors
Sheriff Rob Rotter		Iowa County Sheriff
Matt Stoner	Absent	City of Parnell
Adam Rabe		City of Marengo
Brian Ward	Absent	City of Ladora
Richard Fry/Mick Gorsch	Absent	City of Millersburg
Dan Strohman	Absent	City of North English
Adam Grier		City of Williamsburg
Roger Pawlak/Dan Cavin	 <i>Don has previous phone</i>	City of Victor
Appointed Members	Signature	Representing
Josh Humphrey		Iowa County EMA
Alan Husband		Iowa County EMA Assistant Director
Paige Klaaren		Iowa County 911

