



## Iowa County Emergency Management

October 24, 2024 @ 5:30pm  
Iowa County EMA Office  
Marengo, Iowa

### Minutes

**Call to Order** by Commission Chair Rotter @ 5:30 PM

Attendance: EMA Staff- Josh Humphrey

Commission members- Sheriff Rotter, Grier, Rabe, Heitshusen, and Refer

Absent were: Fry, Stoner, Strohman

Public in attendance- None

**Approval of Agenda** – Motion by Heitshusen to approve the 10-24-2024 agenda, second by Rabe, All ayes

**Public Comment-** No Public Comment

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** Motion by Refer to approve the 7-2-2024 minutes, second by Rabe All ayes.

### **Old Business**

Attorney Search- Humphrey explained that currently he has been using Hopkins and Huebner attorney Brent Hinders. Hinders is the same attorney that ICAP uses and the commission is eligible for 5 free hours annually from Hinders thru ICAP. Humphrey hopes that we will be able to make it thru this year with this as we didn't plan for it and didn't have any funds in the budget for it. He will plan to have some funds in the FY 25-26 budget for this in the event we use more than the 5 hours.

### **New Business**

Iowa Valley School Exercise- Humphrey briefly discussed the school exercise and show the board the After-action report that will be going out next week to the rest of the responders and the school. Humphrey, Rabe and Sheriff Rotter both thought the exercise went as expected and all groups had things they could take back to their disciplines and improve on.

Siren 28E- Sheriff Rotter has completed the 28E for the siren maintenance and presented it to the board. Motion by Refer to send out to the cities with their specific language and for the chair to sign on the boards behalf, Second by Heitshusen. All Ayes.

FY25 Budget Amendment #1- Humphrey explained that as he had stated in the July meeting that we had crashed a UAV and that is was the insurance claim. The funding from the insurance has already been received and Humphrey has replace the UAV. The amendment is needed to ensure the budget aligns at the end of the year. Motion by Grier to set the public hearing for 11-14-2024 at 5pm at the EMA Office, Second by Refer. All Ayes.

DR4784 Update- Humphrey spoke about the status of the spring 2024 disaster and that the EMA project is completed and all the FEMA paperwork is done we are now just waiting for a check. The county engineer chose not to seek reimbursement so this will be the end of the claims for the county for this disaster.

Capital Improvements Plan Discussion- Humphrey presented the capital improvements plan that goes back to 2013 and explained what purchases were done with grants and what was purchased with budget funds. The group then discussed the replacement of the 2005 rescue truck as it is at its 20 year retirement date. Humphrey had done some preliminary work and get some ballpark pricing. A new rescue like what we currently have is \$350,000, a refurbished rescue(taking the box off and putting it on a new chassis) is \$199,000. Humphrey also proposed building something a bit different, more of a support vehicle as this is the truck that the Operations Officer is driving when he is working. The estimated cost on that is \$80,000. Rotter stated that he thinks this is a good idea as it will be getting more miles than the normal rescue trucks. Humphrey stated that \$350,000 is a ridiculous price for something like this but it is where the market is currently. Humphrey recommended that we look further into this option. The Board agreed and requested that Humphrey have the information and paperwork ready for the next meeting.

### **Other Business**

Humphrey told the group that C6 Zero Project is finally complete and closed out with the state. He has been working the last several months on the new courthouse admin phone system and hopes to have that completed soon. He is working on a grant application for a whole building generator for the courthouse complex. This is one of the items that was identified in the Federal Critical Infrastructure assessment as a deficiency. Humphrey finished with briefly discussing the Homeland Security Advisory Council that he is now on at the state level. This group helps to guide Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management with issues that locals are having. Humphrey represents small counties in Iowa.

**Adjourn-** Motion by Heitshusen, second by Rabe to adjourn @ 6:22 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		City of Parnell
Adam Rabe		City of Marengo
Brian Ward		City of Ladora
Richard Fry/Jeff Clark		City of Millersburg
Dan Strohman		City of North English
Adam Grier		City of Williamsburg
Eric Refer		City of Victor
Appointed Members	Signature	Representing
Josh Humphrey		Iowa County EMA
Chris Pankow		Iowa County EMA Operations Officer
Paige Klaaren		Iowa County 911