

CEDAR COUNTY EMA COMMISSION

April 12, 2012 MINUTES

APPROVED _____

Chair Bell called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.

Those present were EMA Commission members and/or appointees and alternates to include Board of Supervisors: Jon Bell; Bennett: Orville Randolph and Mark Anderson; Clarence: absent; Durant: Shawn Jepson; Lowden: absent; Mechanicsville: Boyd Stine; Sheriff Warren Wethington; Stanwood: Mike Dauber; Tipton: absent; and West Branch: absent. Others in attendance were: Tim Malott, Director; Gene Hammons of Atalissa; and Sue Hall, Press.

Moved by Jepson seconded by Randolph to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of approval of the February 16, 2012 budget public hearing minutes.

Ayes: All

Moved by Dauber seconded by Randolph to approve the minutes of January 12 & February 16, 2012.

Ayes: All

Receipts and expenditures were reviewed.

Moved by Stine seconded by Jepson to approve the receipts and expenditures, as presented.

Ayes: All

Old business was discussed.

There was none.

New business was discussed.

Director Malott reported there is a SF413 (Local Emergency Management bill) in front of the Governor now. The bill was amended. It establishes EMA Commissions. An amendment would require that during budgetary meetings, there would have to be an elected official there to vote. A Mayor can't appoint a member of Fire or EMS, but can appoint a member of the City Council. It also says the Board of Supervisors "shall" approve the budget. It adds one line to tax for a levy. There would be three options for funding. One of those options is by per capita allotment, which is what Cedar County currently utilizes. Malott felt Cedar County should be okay with their budget if we continue to receive the EMPG grant. Review and discussion were held. It was the consensus to continue as we are, using a per capita allotment.

Malott indicated Johnson County is going from a Code Red System to the WINS System. With the WINS System, information is pulled from the 911 System to their server. Reference was made to Johnson, Washington, Iowa and Cedar Counties going to the

WINS System together, which would reduce each county's cost. The WINS System is a way to alert people. Our cost would be \$5,000 per year. Malott would like to see the WINS System run for a while. The Board agreed to wait and see how the system works.

Director Malott is looking into updates on all vendors in Cedar County that are filling out Tier II reports with photos. He would like these reports to go to the Fire Departments so they know how to respond. These reports and photos concern the locations of chemicals, etc. Shawn Jepson noted their Fire Department receives these reports. Malott noted there are funds available for operations training.

The Director said he would be attending a safety course for ICS in Iowa City during the week of April 16-20. He will also be attending the EMA Conference on May 8-11.

Moved by Jepson seconded by Dauber to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.