

CEDAR COUNTY EMA COMMISSION

July 12, 2012 MINUTES

APPROVED _____

Chair Bell called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. at the Cedar County Courthouse.

Those present were EMA Commission members and/or appointees and alternates to include Board of Supervisors: Jon Bell; Bennett: absent; Clarence: Randy Burken; Durant: Shawn Jepson; Lowden: Barry Hoffmeier; Mechanicsville: absent; Sheriff Warren Wethington; Stanwood: Mike Dauber; Tipton: absent; and West Branch: Dick Don Kessler and Mike Horihan. Others in attendance were: Tim Malott, Director; Gene Hammon of Atalissa; and Sue Hall, Press.

Moved by Kessler seconded by Burken to approve the meeting agenda.

Ayes: All

Moved by Dauber seconded by Barry Hoffmeier to approve the minutes of April 12, 2012.

Ayes: All

Receipts and expenditures were reviewed.

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

Ayes: All

Old business was discussed.

Director Malott reported the conversion to narrowband is complete for law enforcement, EMA and Public Health Department. The cost was \$6,321.27.

New business was discussed.

The Director noted there are burn bans in effect in surrounding counties. He reviewed how a burn ban is put into effect. Information must be sent to the State Fire Marshal who then will make the decision. Malott felt a burn ban for Cedar County is something to consider. Director Malott reviewed the FY2012-2013 EMPG requirements for Cedar County. Money was used to put a computer in the truck. Funds will be used to purchase an air card to use in the computer. We have to purchase something identified in the exercises. They will have two workshops, and we have to do exercises every other year. Malott suggested having one workshop to meet the press prior to any disaster, so that everyone becomes acquainted with each other.

Director Malott gave a Local Emergency Planning Committee report. There is no money for training until after October 2012. If anyone needs a class, they are to let Malott know the dates and types of class so that it can be scheduled. If we get dollars and don't spend them, they'll penalize us 20%.

Tim Malott will be attending the Governor's Conference again this November. Two people from the Public Health Department will also be attending. Malott said grants will pay for most of the costs to attend the conference. Director Malott will also be attending a G366 Planning seminar for the needs of children in disasters in July in Charles City.

During an upcoming vacation, Johnson County EMA will provide coverage for the County. It was noted the next meeting will be on October 11, 2012 at which time the first draft of the FY13-14 budget will be prepared. Director Malott noted the infrastructure will cost \$90,000 to \$100,000 which is more than was originally thought. Shawn Jepson asked if the City of Durant could choose a vendor for the narrowband conversion. Malott said yes, just to let him know who it would be. West Branch Chief of Police Horihan thought Tim Malott did an awesome job getting the law enforcement conversion done, noting he kept things moving along.

Moved by Kessler seconded by Jepson to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.