

EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT & 911 COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT & 911
DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019
TIME: 2:00 P.M.
PLACE: CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE – ROOM 101

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tallier called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Tallier, Savard, & Stamper

Absent:

Others present: Craig Williams, Sherry Pethers, Jason Theune, & Nora Matuszewski

APPROVE AMENDED AGENDA

Motion by Stamper to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Savard. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2019 MEETING

Motion by Savard to approve the September 6, 2019 meeting minutes, second by Stamper. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sherry Pethers was present because she thought this meeting was LEPC, which Theune explained was not. She asked why the committees are not one (1) committee, and why there were so many committees discussing the generator.

DISCUSSION ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH CRAIG WILLIAMS REGARDING RECENT STORM DAMAGE

Williams discussed some of the things that happened in the counties he was involved with in the last storm and discussed ideas that he thought would be good for all counties moving forward to make clean-up when these storms occur more manageable. He said there needs to be good communication between the counties and the towns, and that there needs to be a way to get out public communication to people when there may not be internet, phones, or electricity. Tallier brought up the possibility of contracting with local loggers with rubber tired processors to help with the clean-up because they work well and cause less mess and are safer. All these ideas need to be put into the Emergency Management Plan that Theune works on and shared with the local municipalities.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR SEARCHING FOR GRANT FOR PURCHASE OF GENERATOR FOR JAIL

Savard had some numbers at the state for Theune to call.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG ON COUNTY LAND AT FUTURE WPS SITE

Motion by Stamper to allow Tallier to sign the Archeological Dig permit, second by Savard. All present voting (AYE.) Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BROADBAND INITIATIVE FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STAND POINT

Theune has been in contact with the company that is planning on putting up the towers if the grant goes through and he has been told that the County will be able to put all of their emergency antennas on these towers which will improve the communications through out the County. He told the committee right now when something happens he pushes a button to talk to a certain area and no other area around is able to know what is going on, or that anything is going on, but when they are able to get on these broadband towers they will be able to “simulcast” and everyone in the County emergency services will be able to hear. The committee would like Theune to stay involved with the process.

UPDATE ON WPS TOWER REQUEST

WPS has been sending agreements and has explained that the agreements and easements are being sent because once winter comes they will not be doing anything at the site, but will be working on paperwork for the winter. He is keeping updated with them on bi-weekly phone calls.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXTENDING THE ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH WPS

Motion by Stamper to extend the easement agreement for another 90-days, second by Savard. All present voting (AYE.) Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COMMUNICATION TOWER EASEMENT

Paul Payant is reviewing, this will be brought back to the next meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COMMUNICATION TOWER LEASE

Paul Payant is reviewing, this will be brought back to the next meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT & 911 RULE AND REGULATIONS

The State Statutes for the committee is wrong in the Rules book and needs to be changed, the new Statute pertaining this committee is 323.14, and the other question was to whether the committee should stay at (3) three members. The committee will work on this and then bring to the Rules committee.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EMERGENCY DIRECTOR TO HAVE A PART-TIME OFFICE IN THE COURTHOUSE

Tallier feels that Theune does a lot of work with the Zoning department and would like Theune to have at least one day a week here at the Courthouse. He knows that the Sheriff

is the Supervisor for Theune so this suggestion should go through the Building committee and the Sheriff and Justice committee for discussion.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Committee updates
- Mass notification systems
- Tower Easements and Agreements with WPS
- Part-time Office for the Emergency Management Director in the Courthouse
- Generator grants

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Stamper to adjourn, second by Savard. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 3:09 p.m.

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