

EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT & 911

COMMITTEE: EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT
DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021
TIME: 1:00 P.M.
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gretzinger called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Gretzinger, Lukas, Matuszewski & Miller (Lukas came in at 1:18 p.m.)

Absent:

Others Present: Nora Matuszewski, Stephanie Statezny, Josh Bradley, Alex Walrath, Christy Conley, Jeannie Fannin & Andy Faust (North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Committee)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Matuszewski, second by Miller to approve the agenda as presented. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT JULY 19, 2021 MEETING

Motion by Miller, second by Matuszewski to approve the Emergency Management July 19, 2021 meeting. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

DISPATCH ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES (BRADLEY)

Motion by Miller to move up Dispatch Administrator updates before Emergency Director updates to allow Lukas to be present, as he is running late, second by Matuszewski. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

- Bradley updated the committee on the progress of the dispatch center: They are up to full staff and are waiting on Frontier to finish some problems they are facing, the same as last month. The only item changed is they have a date of when Frontier will be setting up the cross-over.
- There is a new helicopter in the area that will be nice and may even be quicker than EMS for response time.

EMERGENCY DIRECTOR UPDATES:

- **UPDATE OF TOWERS**

Diggers did come and dig up by the Sheriff Department the area for the new tower. Walrath is wrapping up the leases for the towers. He gave all board members and clerk a USB that lists all towers he is aware of. Each tower has a photograph as well as any information on the tower as well as lease information. It is a work in progress, so any new items could be added. Walrath told the committee there are 24 towers in Forest County.

- **APPLICATIONS COMPLETE FOR EMPG AND EPRCRA**

Statezny informed the committee that she has completed the grants which are due on September 20, 2021. The Hazmat grant was awarded and was received by mail this week.

- MET WITH EMERGENCY SERVICES ASSOCIATION – NEXT MEETING
OCTOBER 27TH ALSO HAVING MABAS CARDS TRAINING ON OCTOBER 23RD

Statezny met with the Emergency Services Association last month as requested of the committee. They meet quarterly with the next meeting being held on October 27th and a MABAS training on October 23rd.

- STRIKE TEAM/FORCE WITH HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Health department has received a two year grant for additional staff and Denton has an idea on a strike/force team that can help with pandemics and such and she has asked Statezny if she would like to be on the team. The committee felt it was a good idea as well.

GUEST APPEARANCE – ANDY FAUST – NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Faust appeared to give a presentation on addressing. He will make the power point available for all to view if needed. He asked if the county had an addressing ordinance, and Fannin informed him that the county does. He told her this should be posted to the county website and it needs to be looked at to start cleaning up fire numbers as well as road names and start enforcing the addressing. He is suggesting to fix the high problematic areas and invite the tribes to get them involved as well as the towns.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

- FIRE NUMBERS

The committee would like all parties involved to sit down together to look at the ordinance.

- NEWMAC AGREEMENT

No Action

- LAW ENFORCEMENT REPEATER ON ALVIN/HILES FIRE DEPT TOWER

The Law Enforcement has extra repeaters and it was suggested to use one of them on the Alvin/Hiles Fire department tower, hopefully it could clear up some of the problems there. Walrath will talk to Northway Communications and test it first to see if it will work because the cable to do it would cost around \$4,500. This will be looked at for the outlay in the 2022 budget year.

- AMERICAN TOWER LEASE

Statezny had all the contracts for the tower and asked the committee to look over the information for the next meeting, because American Tower is looking for an extension to their lease.

- SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE

Statezny would like to start a preparedness social media website that could have a link on the county website to keep the public informed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- American Tower Lease
- Fire Numbers

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Miller, second by Lukas to adjourn. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.