

EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT & 911

COMMITTEE: EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT & 911
DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022
TIME: 1:00 P.M.
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Lukas called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Lukas, Matuszewski & Miller

Absent: Gretzinger

Others Present: Stephanie Statezny, Josh Bradley

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 AUGUST 24, 2021 MEETING

Motion by Miller, second by Matuszewski to approve the Emergency Management August 24, 2021 meeting. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

DISPATCH ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES (BRADLEY)

Bradley updated the committee on the progress of the dispatch center: They are fully staffed and have part time dispatchers as well. He advised that staff that are cross-trained in both dispatch and jail are allowed to pick up shifts to help alleviate shortages in the jail. Sheriff Skallerud is also working with social services to have jail and dispatch staff volunteer to be trained as on call social intake workers. There is a Next Gen 911 meeting in March that Bradley, Statezny and Wurtinger plan to attend to get more information on what steps Forest County needs to take to implement NG911 (Text to 911). Bradley mentioned there may be an issue with frontier and that in order to implement NG 911 dispatch may need to switch to alternate carrier such as charter. Lukas proposed to have County Board tour new dispatch center to see all the updates made. Discussion on tower upgrade and how the coverage is. Bradley states that they feel the coverage is worse and are working with Scott from Northway to see what can be done. Bradley states that he was informed by Northway technician that our equipment is actually lower on the new tower on East Hill, also technician states there could be issues with repeaters being too close to each other and creating interference. Bradley mentions that if issues cannot be resolved county may want to check contract and look into Baycom to resolve issues.

EMERGENCY DIRECTOR UPDATES:

- UPDATE OF PLANE CRASH

Statezny spoke about Hiles plan Crash that happened in October 2021 as Lukas had requested. Discussion on how response went and how incident command worked at on scene.

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- FIRE – RED CROSS

Statezny informed the committee of event that occurred where EMS requested Red Cross, she is learning how all the process work and how to dispatch RED CROSS. They were great to work with and offered the victims assistance.

- GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE

Statezny and four other counties (Vilas, Shawano, Florence and Oconto) were asked to present/speak at the Governor's Conference (March 7-9) regarding plane crashes in rural areas and what to expect.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

- FIRE NUMBERS/ ROAD SIGNAGE

Statezny would like to have meeting with towns on how to handle fire number and road signage issue, Gretzinger had previously mentioned hosting at county instead of doing it at the town's association meeting. Statezny proposes to have a discussion with towns on what issues are and work with towns that are willing to fix the issues and start with them, maybe other towns will follow. Emergency management can indicate the problems however it would be up to the towns to purchase any new signage needed. Lukas states some committee members could come to support Statezny. Lukas suggests waiting until after elections in April.

- MUNICIPAL GUIDE

Statezny explains she created a guide for municipalities to describe roles of local officials, what emergency management is, and a guide to available assistance programs. Miller states committee will look over and come back with any suggestions or edits at next meeting.

- IAMRESPONDING APP – WITH EMS & FIRE

Statezny is working with Fire and EMS to implement cell phone app. It would not have any cost to the county, however the dispatch center would have a display to show what responders have answered a page. It could help with issues with radio coverage. Emergency Services Association is looking at a way each department could cost share.

- AMERICAN TOWER LEASE

American Tower would like to extend their lease. Lukas states we have time to look it over. Miller suggests having a tower committee of some sort just to discuss tower issues. Committee suggests to forward to Finance Committee as it could be a revenue for the County. Motion by Miller, second by Matuszewski to forward American Tower letter and leases to Finance Committee to review. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

- MABAS (MUTAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM)

BRADLEY has turned over responsibility of MABAS to Statezny. Statezny is working with MABAS Association to get training for County Dispatch and start implementing MABAS.

- COMPUTER HAZMAT EQUIPMENT GRANT

Statezny informed committee the county was granted \$4,103.00; money is used to pay our contract with Oneida County Hazmat and can also be used for Computer upgrades for EM department. Statezny understands county will need to update all computer to be compatible with windows 11, she can use this funding to help cover that as it is an 80/20 match, she will just need to know so she can write it into the application. Statezny states county is also eligible for an extra \$6,000.00 and can use it every 4 year grant cycle, currently we are in year 2/4 and have not used the extra money yet. Grant is 80/20 match. Equipment can be Computer/ Peripherals, ID Card printer, Map Printer, Smart Board, Computer Software; however, equipment must be indicated on the pre-application for the grant. Statezny discusses ID card printer and uses

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County EM, Public Health, Law, Fire etc. Public Health also mentioned possibly getting ID/tag printer, maybe departments could collaborate. Miller suggests looking into it more and bringing more information back.

- **COURTHOUSE SECURITY TRAINING**

Gretzinger signed off on Clerk of Court to security training. Miller states that we should also discuss this in Risk Management meeting. Statezny reports discussion with clerk about sending individuals to safety trainings and having them report back to show what was learned and if they county needs to change or implement anything. Lukas and Miller agree and recommend that after they attend training, they should have a representative that attended the meeting report back to this committee or possibly risk management committee.

- **BROADBAND COMMITTEE:**

Statezny states this was an item Gretzinger wanted to speak on. Lukas confirmed there was talk about making a broadband committee and having Emergency management and the sheriff participate on the committee.

- **STATEWIDE WISMAC Agreement:**

Statezny explains Forest County already participates in North East Wisconsin Mutual Aid Compact, which is a mutual aid agreement for Emergency Management Directors. The state is hoping to implement a state wide agreement. Motion by Matuszewski, second by Miller to forward Resolution for Wisconsin Statewide Mutual Aid Compact (WISMAC) to full county board. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Miller and Lukas suggest Statezny be present at full county board meeting to answer any questions.

- **NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE COOPERTIVE AGREEMENT**

Statezny describes that the National Forest Service is seeking an agreement with Counties, to submit billing/reimbursement to local fire and EMS departments. Reimbursement would be submitted by Fire/EMS to county; County would forward to Forest Service and Reimbursement would come back to county and county would sent to fire or ems department. Forest Services is looking to do this as some do not have or maintain SAMS and DUNS accounts. Discussion on each town should have a SAMS and DUNS account, which in turn should be able to the reimbursement requests vs doing it at the county level. Lukas advises Statezny to look into it more and see what other counties are doing.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Public Information Officer Training for select County Employees
- Local Government Official Training – For municipalities and board members

ADJORNMENT:

Motion by Matuszewski, second by Miller to adjourn. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.