

EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT & 911

COMMITTEE: EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT & 911
DATE: Wednesday September 11th, 2024
TIME: 10:00 AM
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Skallerud calls the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Ron Skallerud & Terry Lukas

Members Absent: Mike Miller

Others Present: Stephanie Montgomery, Alex Walrath & Rob Huettl

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Lukas, second by Skallerud to approve the agenda. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

4. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT - 911 MEETING

Motion by Lukas, second by Skallerud to approve Emergency Government - 911 August 2024 meeting minutes. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ITEMS:

Lukas questions if the county has drone thermal capabilities as he had seen in the news recently that a young boy was found very rapidly because of the capability. The land information drone does have thermal, the sheriff's office drone does not. Montgomery and Littleton have been dispatched to a search, however, once they arrived on scene the missing person was found. They are looking for training opportunities to get more experience with the drone.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

- a. COUNTY SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT: Skallerud states that sub group plans to look at the ordinance of the next few months to prepare for review for legal, he stated we don't have much for large winter events coming up so we have time to review. Montgomery has started to review the permit, believes that we will need to sit down with zoning, sheriff and possibly treasure to review.
- b. BIRCH LAKE ADDRESS CHANGES: Montgomery received an email/letter from the association regarding an incident out there. Discussion regarding the incident. Dispatch stated the call was confusing on their end, responders may have responded to the Caretaker dock as that is the normal procedure but in this instance the dock was under repair and response was to go to the east side of the lake. Moving forward caller should be clear that if it is an Island call, they need to clarify where EMS should report since is not a static location it could be changing. Dispatch will add 'Island' calls to their new dispatcher training to ensure that staff is aware Forest County has island residences (Birch Lake/Lake Lucerne).
- c. ADDRESS CHANGES – STATE HWY 32 ARGONNE TO HILES: Changes have been made and new signage installed. Some constituents are calling with frustrations but understand the reasoning. Montgomery did speak with the DMV yesterday and the man at the Crandon office said if they bring in the letters that state it was a change made by the county the Drivers Licenses update is free.
- d. TITLE III – TOWER EXPANSION PROJECT: Bug Tussel Attorney and County Attorney were meeting later this afternoon. Lukas mentions that they have the tower attorney on the next finance agenda and Montgomery may want to be available for that meeting on September 17th at 9:00AM.
- e. EM DIRECTOR UPDATES: Montgomery meet with the UW Extension and the City this morning to do a site visit for the weather station, they plan to install in October. Grant applications start next month for next year's grants. Montgomery is also reviewing EOP and getting signatures for each annex, Skallerud will need to review and sign all annexes.

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7. DISPATCH UPDATES (*R. Huettl*) Huettl reports they are at 8 for staff one in training and one in the back ground check if it works out, they will be at full staff. Huettl did have an inquiry for the PSAP grant about the grand stream phones, which is a part of our continuity plan. County should know by next month if they were awarded the grant. For future PSAP grants Skallerud recommends looking into the cell/RF modular along with annual costs for FirstNet.
8. Budget Status: Montgomery shared the monthly budget reports. Committee has no questions or concerns.
9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – (*Next meeting October 9th, 2024 @ 10:00AM*)
PSAP (make standing item)
10. ADJORNMENT: Motion by Lukas, second by Skallerud, to adjourn. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:34AM.