

EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT & 911

COMMITTEE: EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT & 911
DATE: Wednesday February 19th, 2025
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, Jeff Marvin, Alex Walrath and 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 January 8, 2025 meeting minutes. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ITEMS: NONE

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

- a. TITLE III – PROJECT: Montgomery and Lukas spoke with County attorney Anita, Bug Tussel and Alvin regarding the tower if the town or bug does not continue the lease. The Town of Alvin agreed that they would take responsibility for the tower if Bug Tussel does not continue their lease. County is waiting on the agreement to be drafted for final approval. Montgomery requests that a portion of Title III funding be used to purchase SERT team communications helmets. Motion by Lukas to forward the request to use Title III funding to purchase Communication Headgear/helmets for the Forest County SERT Team to Finance Committee, second by Skallerud. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.
- b. RADIO REQUEST FROM SOCIAL SERVICES: Social Services Director, Tracy had reached out to Montgomery to see if there are any grants or old radios, they could use to install in their vehicles to check in and check out of home visits on local government radio channel with dispatch. Montgomery is not aware of any grant funding. Discussion with committee, dispatch and sheriff about options for emergency communication for social services. It is recommended by the committee and sheriff's office to use FirstNet push-to-talk option, with added vehicle boosters if necessary for communications.
- c. CISA – OPERATIONAL RAPID ASSISTANCE PACKAGE: Montgomery explains the Technical Assistance grant and the initial meeting with county and responder agencies was conducted in the beginning of February. The county should have an assessment report/document in a few months of what the findings and recommendations are.
- d. Travel Request: Montgomery presented travel requests, motion by Lukas, second by Skallerud to approve the travel requests. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.
- e. EM DIRECTOR UPDATES: Montgomery shares that the special Event and Large assemblies public hearing is next Wednesday at 4:30PM this is a joint meeting with Zoning to discuss the ordinance. Montgomery is working with departments on updating and/or creating Continuity plans.

7. DISPATCH

- a. PSAP GRANT: Forest Counties request for modification of grant funding to cover extra costs to integrate with CAD system has been approved. Contracts have been signed with total response. Costs of some equipment (chairs) came in less so Huettl is seeing if he can order extra to use most of the grant funding. Skallerud asks about WISCOM Radios and if the funding covers the cost to purchase WISCOM capable

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radios, as this may help our interoperability with our border counties in State of Michigan. Huettl did get some ideas from other counties in our area and what they used PSAP funds for.

- b. DISPATCH SERGEANT UPDATES: Dispatch is in the process of filling their last two positions to make them full staff. Sheriff Marvin tells the committee at a recent Emergency Services Association Meeting Sprenger resigned as president and Krawze is the new president, and she mentioned working on a policy/procedure for dispatch, Fire and EMS and creating a workgroup. Marvin explained that the association meeting that all dispatch policy and procedures will need to be approved by the Sheriff, committee agrees.

8. Budget Status: Montgomery shared the monthly budget reports. Committee has no questions or concerns.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – *(Next meeting April 9th 2025 @ 10:00AM)*

10. ADJORNMENT: Motion by Lukas, second by Skallerud, to adjourn. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.

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