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January 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM - Johnson County EMA Commission Meeting Minutes

1. Opened the meeting and determined the quorum exceeded **7 Elected Commissioner Members, (8) participated.**
2. Roll call by sign in sheet and introductions of any new Commission members
Present on the phone were, Chairperson Tim Kemp – Mayor of Hills, Vice Chair Louise From – Mayor of University Heights, John Thomas – City Council for Iowa City, Terry Donahue – Mayor of North Liberty, Janelle Rettig – Board of Supervisors, Brad Kunkel – Sheriff, Mickey Coonfare – Mayor for Shueyville, John Lundell – Mayor of Coralville, Eric Schnedler – Councilperson for Tiffin. Chris Taylor – Mayor of Swisher, Director Dave Wilson, Deputy EMA Director Travis Beckman.
3. Action on consensus items: A. Motion to amend or accept the present agenda
B. Motion to amend or accept the meeting minutes from the last meeting
Motion to accept both Janelle Rettig by, Second by John Lundell, All ayes
4. Comments or topics from the public not related to the proposed FY21 budget amendment: Siren failure in Iowa City and one not operating correctly in Fry Town. These have both been repaired.
5. Open the public hearing for the FY21 EMA budget amendment: (Time 7:04 PM & Motion by Terry Donahue, Second by John Thomas)
6. Comments from public on the proposed FY21 EMA budget amendment: None, COVID 19, Loan from county, the derecho and civil unrest affected budget and FY21 will need an amendment. Amending in a buffer to allow for flexibility. Does not alter taxes.
7. Close the FY21 EMA budget amendment’s public hearing: Time 7:09 PM & Motion by Brad Kunkel
Second by Janelle Rettig, All ayes
8. Action on the proposed FY21 budget amendment: (approve/reject) Motion by Chris Taylor, Second by John Thomas, all ayes for approval. Amended budget adopted as proposed.
9. Open the regular meeting at: 7:10 PM
10. Topics from the Commission: None
11. Updates by EMA staff: 236 deaths for county. Phase 1B should be started very soon within the next 2-3 weeks. On vaccination site offered up vaccine to others outside 1B for Johnson County. That has been corrected. Additional doses should be made available. Additional discussion on phase 1B and those with co-morbidity.
12. Review the draft proposed EMA Commission’s FY22 budget and set date for the public hearing. Dave Wilson reviewed the draft proposal. Explained current variables with FEMA/State reimbursements and unknown Census data for HAZMAT. Proposed public hearing on the budget for the 4th Wednesday of this month, January 27 at 7:00 PM, with a backup date of February 3, 2020. Motion by Janelle Rettig, second by Mickey Coonfare, all ayes.
13. Adjourn: Motion by Chris Taylor, Second by John Thomas., All Ayes. Carried with adjournment at 7:35 PM.



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Director & Deputy Director Report for January

- Continue handling response with JCPH for the covid 19 pandemic to include PPE and Vaccine logistics
 - Multiple conference calls and zoom / virtual meetings related to those issues.
 - Claims for Pandemic and Derecho are in and just shy of \$200,000.00 has been reimbursed to date, the FEMA streamlined process has not been as advertised and claims are still pending in various states of review with items obligated by FEMA since October still awaiting processing from IA HSEMD.
 - Joyce Flynn the IA HSEMD Administrator is retiring 1/21/2021 as have some key staff at IDPH.
 - Our contractor ER Assist has our FEMA Derecho claim in and it is under review by FEMA.
 - We took several preparedness steps for the inauguration in conjunction with local LE agencies to pre-stage some civil unrest equipment and did not have to deploy any of it thankfully.
 - We continue to work with JCPH on logistics and with the hospitals and LTCs on PPE and vaccinations.
 - Our Cool Cube and gloves for moving ultra-cold vaccine are all in and in use.
 - Our dive team call to Vinton has been paid from earlier in 2020.
 - The Dive team has been doing training and has sent some of the original dry suits in for inspection and rehab which saved us considerable money over replacement. 2 of the 8 original suits have gone in so far with the remainder cycling through.
 - I presented our budget to the Board of Supervisors and they were supportive of it and our plan to table for at least 1 additional year the storage building as no entities are presently ready to move forward at this time.
- HAZMAT -
 - December - skills testing was completed and No call outs since last meeting.
 - All other training has been on-line
 - LEPC Meeting was held on 12-16, welcomed two new members to the group
 - ARES –
 - Meetings on Zoom platform rather than in-person
 - Vote next week on potential team leader to replace Rich Bingham
 - CERT –
 - No training or missions since last meeting
 - REP Program –
 - No meeting since last commission meeting
 - Healthcare Coalition (Service Area 5)
 - Communications exercise completed
 - Continue to support RMCC and several smaller hospitals and PH departments during COVID.
 - COVID19
 - Continue to publish SITREPs based on our EOC Calls
 - LTC weekly calls continue to discuss needs, best practices, etc.
 - Adult Care Centers continue to meet weekly.
 - Long Term Recovery Committee continues to meet monthly working through both COVID and the DERECHO
 - State and FEMA requests for information and additional documentation related to the Stafford Act dollars continue to come in
 - Completed online (nationwide) exercise for ChemResponder (HAZMAT)
 - EMPG21 grant was submitted for submission in early December
 - New intern, Adam Robbins -Coralville Fire, Mouny Mercy Healthcare Administration Student, began with us on 1-4-21. Continuing the county Salamander project