

JASPER COUNTY  
Emergency Management Commission

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**Minutes of December 19, 2023, Commission Meeting**

The Jasper County Emergency Management Commission met on December 19, 2023, at the Armory Annex EOC. Those present were Bryan DeJong (Baxter) via Zoom, Doug Bishop (Baxter) via Zoom, Barndon Talsma (Board of Supervisors), David Mast (Colfax), Evelyn George (Newton) via Zoom, Jarrod Wellik (Newton), Lisa Griffith (Oakland Acres) via Zoom, Chad Alleger (Prairie City), Tami Weishaar (Reasnor) via Zoom, John Halferty (Jasper County Sheriff), Brent Vander Molen (Sully), Jamey Robinson, EMA Coordinator, Josh Harding, EMA Program Coordinator, and Kathy Ellis, EMA Assistant.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31PM by Chairman John Halferty. Roll call was taken. Those representatives listed above were present and accounted for.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Brandon Talsma and was seconded by Chad Alleger. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the following meetings February 2, 2023, May 25, 2023, and October 31, 2023, was made by Alleger and seconded by Brent VanderMolen. Motion carried.

**Agenda Items:**

- **Program Update**  
Jamey Robinson thanked the Commission for the opportunity to serve Jasper County. Robinson has been meeting with departments within the County and will be reaching out to the elected officials after the first of the year. He is gathering input to present a list of ideas to the Commission at a meeting in February/March for approval of what the EMA program should offer.
- **Budget Workshop FY24-25** – Robinson explained there is no change in the overall budget. Salary increases for Josh Harding and Kathy Ellis are based upon the 4.95% increase offered to Robinson as part of the hiring process.
  - Change \$8,000 Expense/Revenue - Training/Reimbursement examples FEMA trainings (reimbursed) and local CPR classes. We need a line item for that.
  - Local Emergency Planning Grant – Utilize grant money if received.

- Capital expenditures are based upon the ten-year Capital Expense Plan for FY25. (Reference your packets for descriptions)
  - EOC Equipment
  - Copier/Printer
  - Haz Mat Foam Trailer–REG donation / foam component?
    - All donated, reallocate the funds for EMS supplies to make the 701 vehicle (Tahoe) a paramedic car.
    - Chief Wellik provided an example of utilizing the trailer and cost recovery for the foam.
  - Ice Machine
  - Heavy Rescue Trailer
- Revenues are all the same with the addition of the EMPG, comes out as LEPG and training reimbursements.
- **Set Time/Date Public Hearing**  
 Motion to set the date of the public hearing for the FY24-25 budget was made by Talsma and seconded by David Mast. Motion Carried

**Next Meeting:**      Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024  
                                   Time: 6:30PM  
                                   Location: EOC

Motion to adjourn was made by Brayn DeJong and seconded by Alleger. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51PM