

JASPER COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Minutes of October 14, 2025, Commission Meeting

The Jasper County Emergency Management Commission met on October 14, 2025 at the Armory Annex in the EOC and via ZOOM.

Members Present:

Brandon Talsma (Board of Supervisors) via ZOOM, David Mast (Colfax), Pat Edwards (Lambs Grove), Mark Newberg (Lynnvile) via ZOOM, Earl Umble, Butch (Monroe) via ZOOM, Jarrod Wellik (Newton), Brad Shutts (Jasper County Sheriff), Tony VanWyk (Sully) via ZOOM.

Staff Present:

Jamey Robinson (EMA Director), Steve Ashing (EMA Deputy Director), and Kathy Ellis (EMA Program Manager).

The meeting was called to order at 6:02PM by the Sheriff, Brad Shutts.

Roll call was taken. Those representatives listed above were present in-person or via ZOOM and accounted for.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by David Mast and was seconded by Jarrod Wellik. 8-0 Motion carried.

A motion to approve the May 13, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Wellik and was seconded by Mast. 8-0 Motion carried.

Agenda Items

1. **Fund Transfer-Discussion** Jamey Robinson proposed a new vehicle for Steve Ashing including the upfit and signage not to exceed \$70,000. Brad Shutts explained he had requested five Tahoes for the Sheriff's Office with only four budgeted. Shutts explained leaving one for purchase by EMA from Karl Chevrolet before prices increase.

A motion was made by Pat Edwards and seconded by Brad Shutts to approve a transfer for no more than \$70,000 from the Truck Reserve Fund for the purchase of a vehicle. 8-0 Motion carried.

2. EMA Director Updates-No action taken on the following items

a. New Equipment-Discussion

1. **Hazmat Propane Specialist** – 20 Team Kits at \$10,000 each for the State Of Iowa have been donated to the Hazmat Teams.

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2. Digital Sign/Camera – The State of Iowa has purchased digital signs with cameras for \$31,685 each to distribute around the state. Jasper County will receive one for a total of seven available to communities for events, etc.

b. Upcoming Training-Discussion

1. EMT Training – The second annual EMT class will kick off on October 28th and be held every Tuesday/Thursday evening from November to early March. 16 people have registered.

2. Firefighter I – This class will be held every Monday/Wednesday from November to early April. 14 people have registered and if successful their training will be paid for by Jasper County if they volunteer within the county.

3. Statewide Hazmat Symposium – Deputy Chief Rex Heisdorffer requested Newton host the Annual Iowa Hazmat Symposium since Ottumwa declined. It will take place on Friday, October 24 with a Propane Response Training on Thursday, October 23 for the recipients of the hazmat propane kits.

c. FEMA Updates-Discussion

1. Mitigation Projects – Robinson explained project #4784 is one and half years in progress. Kellogg will be receiving approximately \$400,000 to relocate the cabin. Lynnville may receive approximately \$700,000 to assist with waste water lagoons plus the cleanup. Lynnville mayor, Mark Newberg spoke up to explain Robinson has been instrumental in securing this grant and thanked him.

2. Siren Project – Robinson and the Board of Supervisors have submitted for a large grant approximately \$500,000 to upgrade rural sirens which would tie in with the Weather Warn System.

3. Generator – Colfax City and the schools have applied for \$260,000 grant for a generator to be located at the high school which would act as an emergency shelter.

4. Plan Update – The Board of Supervisors and EMA have applied for \$40,000 to upgrade the Jasper County Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan is required to be update every five years to be able to receive mitigation funding for communities. The plan has recently been updated to include sirens.

d. EMS in Jasper County-Discussion -Robinson has sent the link for the EMS survey to Commission members requesting their feedback regarding EMS services within their communities. Please have a discussion with your councils and provide their feedback on the survey. This discussion was brought up by one of the mayors and is not being initiated by the EMA or the Sheriff's Office.

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Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:23 PM by Wellik and seconded by Shutts.

8-0 Motion carried.