

## JASPER COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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### Minutes of December 17, 2025, Commission Meeting

The Jasper County Emergency Management Commission met on December 17, 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, Randy Ervin (Newton), Jarrod Wellik (Newton), Clinton Follette (Oakland Acres) via ZOOM, Phil Holland (Prairie City), and Brad Shutts (Jasper County Sheriff).

#### 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 Pat Edwards. 10-0 Motion carried.

A motion to approve the October 14, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Edwards and was seconded by Earl Umble. 10-0 Motion carried.

#### Agenda Items

1. **Budget Workshop FY 26-27 Discussion/Action**
2. **Program Update-Discussion**

Jamey Robinson reviewed the budget with the following highlights:

- Overall not huge changes
- Proposed Personnel Increase 2.5%
- Small increases in Operating Expenses: Office Supplies/Mileage
- Big changes In/Out \$563,000 in HMGP Grant Funds working with the Board of Supervisors ( requires a match) on Siren Project (one of three projects) for the rural areas in the County. State has approved the dollars but still requires FEMA approval which could take up to 18-24 months.

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- Jasper County EMS Program in the amount of \$43,328 from the BOS via ARPA funding. This funding has provided for annual EMT classes for Jasper County students and the grant funds conclude in the FY27 budget year.
  - Minimal capital expenditures anticipated in FY27 with the recent purchase of the new Tahoe in this fiscal year requiring a future budget amendment.
  - Revenues: the levies will stay at the same rate. Per Capita will change due to including Mitchellville within the mix. Technically, some residents are in Jasper County and how to determine the number is the challenge.
  - Robinson distributed information showing two funding options for covering one fulltime EMS position. This was the favorable result from the EMS survey. He explained the two funding options and requested the Commission members' input and/or desire for the position?
    - Increasing the Levy by \$3.88
    - Increasing the Per Capita by \$6.15
    - BOS Representative, Brandon Talsma, stated he was in favor of the per capita option with three other mayors agreeing.
    - Discussion followed regarding Newton and Monroe providing their own EMS services.
    - Fire Chief Wellik provided the numbers for when Newton had more than 2, 3, and 4 or more ambulances out at the same time potentially requiring additional assistance from the Sheriff's Office ALS car.
    - Discussion followed regarding when Monroe called for assistance, the need to charge a per trip fee.
    - Robinson explained if this is approved by the EM Commission, a 28E agreement will be required.

**a. Training Updates-Discussion** – Robinson explained the EOC has four nights of training going on every week.

1. EMT training on Tuesdays/Thursdays with 12 students including Jasper County residents and one from Des Moines.
2. Mondays/Wednesdays with Fire Fighter 1-14 students including Jasper/Mahaska residents.
3. Plans to setup an Active Attack Integrated Response Team, the Disaster Task Force will be holding both a Functional Exercise in March at DMACC and a Full Scale Exercise in June at Co-Line.

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4. Continue to provide CPR/AED, Stop the Bleed, School Lockdown Drills, plus any training requested by local businesses, agencies, departments, etc.

**b. FEMA** – Robinson explained project #4784 is two years in and soon to closeout for Kellogg and Lynnvile. Kellogg will be relocating the cabin and Lynnvile is working on wastewater lagoons. These projects are around one million dollars.

**c. Mitigation Plan/Funding**

**1. Plan Update** – The Board of Supervisors and EMA have applied for \$40,000 for the renewal of the Jasper County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The current plan was amended to include sirens which had not been included. The plan still has two years remaining but the process will require multiple meetings with the local communities and school districts for the revision.

**2. Siren Project** – Robinson and the Board of Supervisors have submitted for a large grant approximately \$563,000 to upgrade rural sirens which would tie in the Weather Warn System with the National Weather Service to automatically activate the sirens.

**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.

**d. Jasper County Handbook-Resource Manual**

A motion to approve the Jasper County Handbook and for Robinson to sign off on it on behalf of the commission was made by Mast and seconded by Sheriff Brad Shuts.

10-0 Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:40 PM by Mast and seconded by Phil Holland.

10-0 Motion carried.