

Present: Darby McLaren, CCSO; Gaylord Schelling, CC BOS; Mark Wedemeyer, CC BOS; Ray Zellmer, Wiotra; Julie Adams, Griswold; Shirley Eshelman, Massena; Ryan Archibald, Lewis; Steve Livengood, Atlantic; Mike Kennon, CC EMA.

Absent: Dave Brahmns, Cumberland; Tom Harris, Anita; Randy Baxter, Marne

Darby McLaren: Meeting called to order at 6:42 PM.

Gaylord Schelling: Motion to approve the agenda.

Steve Livengood: Second.

Carried unanimously.

Ray Zellmer: Motion to approve minutes of 7-23-2012 EMA meeting.

Shirley Eshelman: Second.

Carried unanimously.

Julie Adams: Motion to approve July, August, September expenses.

Ray Zellmer: Second.

Carried unanimously.

Old Business

Mike Kennon reported that the County-wide Burn Ban is still in effect. While there has been recent rains and some neighboring counties have lifted their Burn Bans, local Fire Chiefs are inclined to want to keep the restriction on for now.

Kennon also reported that we have still not received DOT radios. Rob Koppert stated that he had recently spoken to DOT representatives and the radios are still being gathered and assembled.

New Business

Kennon reported that the Communications Trailer is currently being worked on for regular generator maintenance and an issue with draining of the battery. He also stated that he would like to install a tread plate deck on the trailer tongue to mount the battery externally.

Kennon talked briefly about the possibility of the Cass County Communications Center moving to a new location and how that might affect Emergency Management. Kennon did not think that any of the possibilities would have an adverse affect on EMA.

Kennon also reported that expense reimbursements from regional Homeland Security Grants for travel and conference registrations have ended. These reimbursement resources have made it possible to attend regional meetings, training events, conferences, etc. Kennon said that he will have to be much more selective as to which events he will attend from now on.

Respectfully Submitted



Coordinator's Report

Kennon reported that EMPG, performance grant funding, remained the same for this fiscal year. An EMPG check for \$24,536.81 deposited last month.

Emergency Management and the Comm. Trailer were involved with River Ruckus in Guthrie County this summer. It was a very large music concert event. Kennon stated that there was a benefit to being involved with something like this, but it felt like a commercial event rather than a community event. Cass Co EMA probably won't be involved again with this annual event.

Emergency Management was also involved with Atlantic Fly Iowa held 9-15-2012. Cass County EMA was asked to head Public Safety for this Air Show. An Emergency Operations Plan and Incident Action Plan were produced which was good training as well as being potentially very useful documents in the event of a catastrophic incident. This event put local Emergency Management, Communications, Law Enforcement and Emergency Responders in a very good light.

Kennon also reported on SF413, a recent bill that requires EMA Board Members be elected officials when dealing with fiscal decisions. A couple of current members are affected by this bill and have, or will, approach their mayors about the situation.

Finally, Kennon talked about a couple of recent state and regional initiatives. HSEMD has been talking to a Mass Notification System provider. The County could have Mass Notification capabilities for little or no cost if the State adopts this project. Local Public Health and Hospitals throughout the State of Iowa have been encouraged to create regional coalitions to assist each other to comply with future grant compliance and training. I have been invited to participate in the decision process with local Public Health and Hospital representatives. CASM (Communications Assets Survey and Mapping) has been a Statewide project to help identify local assets and points-of-contact in the event of a catastrophic event. Our local information is being entered into this system.

No public comments or concerns.

Gaylord Schelling: Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

