

Emergency Management Agency Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2020

Present: Mark O'Brien, CC BOS; Randy Baxter, Marne; Jim Behrens, Atlantic; Kirk Stapleton, Griswold; Jackson Bissell, Massena and Mike Kennon, CC EMA.

Absent: Mitch Boysen, Wiota; Tom Harris, Anita; Darby McLaren, CCSO; Virginia Coughlin, Cumberland; and Ryan Archibald, Lewis

Guests: None.

Chair Mark O'Brien: Meeting called to order at 6:15 PM.

Randy Baxter: Motion to approve the agenda.

Jackson Bissell: Second.

Carried unanimously.

Kirk Stapleton: Motion to approve minutes of 7-28-2020 EMA Board meeting.

Randy Baxter: Second.

Carried unanimously.

Kirk Stapleton: Motion to approve July, August, September expenses.

Jim Behrens: Second.

Carried unanimously.

Old Business

New Business

Coordinator's Report

Kennon continues to work closely with Public Health, Hospital, EMS and other stakeholders in this ongoing Covid-19 event. There has been a spike in local, regional and statewide cases. Cass County currently has outbreaks in two Long-term Care Facilities (LTCs) or Nursing Homes. Kennon is still ordering some PPE from the State as well as test kits for Test Iowa. These supplies are now being delivered by Iowa DOT instead of National Guard.

There continues to be progress made on the Motorola console project. Cass County should have the new console installed and dispatchers trained by the end of January 2021. This will be a very important upgrade and will be a big step towards full integration onto the ISICS system. Kennon has also been working closely with Mark McNees and the Cass CO Fire Assoc. to complete a fire grant application submission. They are seeking ISICS compatible radios for local fire departments.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kennon spoke briefly about the relatively new Countywide EMS service. It sounds like the service may be performing some renovations to the current building they occupy. Finally, Kennon said that County Hazard Mitigation Planning continues through SWIPCO. A couple of city representatives said that they had attended the initial meeting, but had not been notified of subsequent meetings. Kennon said that he would follow up with SWIPCO to rectify this issue.

No public comments or concerns.

Jim Behrens: Motion to adjourn.

Kirk Stapleton: Second.

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Sign-In Sheet

DATE: October 27, 2020

LOCATION: Cass County Communications Center

NAME	JURISDICTION
Jini Behrens	Atlantic Council
Katie Stapleton	Griswold Fire & Rescue
	Middler City Council
	Name Miller
Mark O'Brien	B.O.S.
	B.O.S. *REP. FOR CCEMA
MIKE KENNON	CASS Co. EMA/911