

**Webster County Emergency Management Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
May 29, 2014**

**Members Present**

Teresa Larson-White – Badger; Paul Gardner – Barnum; Dennis Stuhrenberg - Clare;  
Matt Bemrich - Fort Dodge; Doug Dellachiesa – Lehigh; Brad Hoffman – Moorland; Joe  
Hayes – Otho; Lyn Adson – Vincent; Jim Stubbs – Webster County Sheriff; Merrill  
Leffler – Webster County Supervisor

**Members Absent**

Callander, Dayton, Duncombe, Gowrie, Harcourt

**Others Present**

Mark Crimmins – Fort Dodge City Attorney, Tim Carmody – Fort Dodge Police, Terry  
Moenke Fort Dodge City Council, John Benson – Iowa Homeland Security and  
Emergency Management & Mike Devine - 3 Eagles Radio.

**Approve Agenda**

Motion: Bemrich

Second: Leffler

All yes – Motion Passed

**Approve Minutes**

Motion: Adson – Approve minutes with following change: change date in paragraph one,  
sentence one to read “January 9, 2014”

Second: Leffler

All Yes – Motion Passed

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Wireless Notification System (WENS) Discussion

Jorgensen presented information to the Commission about WENS, asked EM  
Commission members to spread the word in their communities and offered assistance on  
how to sign up members of their communities

Advisory Committee Discussion

Motion: Form Temporary Advisory Committee with no voting rights – Stubbs

Second: Leffler

All Yes – Motion Passed

The EM Commission directed Jorgensen to form a Temporary Advisory Committee by  
July 1, 2014. The Advisory Committee membership is to be composed of the Fort Dodge  
Police Chief, Fort Dodge Fire Chief, Webster County Sheriff, Webster County Public

Health Director, Webster County EMA Coordinator and Webster County Volunteer Fire. Bemrich and Carmody had expressed concern regarding the 25 “Duties and Powers of the Commission” in the revised but unsigned EM Commission Bylaws, and the Status of the Countywide Plan. The advisory committee is to meet once a month from July 2014 through December 2014, then issue a report to the Emergency Management Commission

### **Other Business**

Weighted Voting on Emergency Management Agencies.

John Benson from Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management was invited to attend the meeting. Benson stated that weighted voting is not allowed on Emergency Management Commissions in Iowa. This is stated in the Iowa Code, Iowa Administrative Rules and Iowa Attorney General Opinion.

Benson also stated he had information regarding Countywide Levy for funding Emergency Management Agencies, and that he would forward it to Jorgensen the following day. Jorgensen forwarded Benson’s information to the Emergency Management Commission Members the next day (Friday 5/30/2014).

### **Public Comment**

Mike Devine of Three Eagles Radio asked the membership for contact information to gather information during severe weather.

### **Adjournment**

Motion: Bemrich

Second: Leffler

All yes – motion passed