

Webster County Emergency Management



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The Webster County Emergency Management Commission was called to order at 7:10PM on July 30, 2015 at Northwest Bank building lower level conference room. Roll call was taken.

Members Present:

Denny Stuhrenberg-Clare, Bruce McCormack-Gowrie, Donna Brundage-Harcourt, Doug Dellachiesa-Lehigh, Lyn Adson-Vincent, Jim Stubbs-Webster County Sheriff, and Merrill Leffler-Webster County Supervisor

Members Absent:

Badger, Barnum, Callender, Dayton, Duncombe, Fort Dodge, Moorland, and Otho

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Stubbs

Second: McCormack

All Yes – Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Adson

Second: Leffler

All Yes – Motion Carried

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Discussed progress of the new coordinator. Scott participated in the Airport Disaster Drill, Frontier Days, Shellabration, Ragbrai (established the EOC), participated in a Social Media Functional Drill thru Homeland Security, worked with dispatch to bring Smart911 to Webster County, submitted Iowa Alert application, set up a Webster County Emergency Management Facebook page and Twitter account, updated ESF's 1, 2, 3, 10, has finished the first three quarters of EMPG, submitted the JAG grant, submitted a grant for an SUV for the OHV park, and completed a map/contact book.

Future goals/projects include starting Webster County CERT back up, working with the schools in the county with education starting with the promotion of Smart911, working with the Sheriff's office in establishing Courthouse Security, setting up site visits with the Region V HazMat to tour businesses with HazMat, and to continue on required training.

Adopt ESF 1, 2, 3, and 10:

Motion: Leffler

Second: McCormack

All Yes – Motion Carried

Discussed NIMS and the requirement for elected officials to have NIMS 100 and 700. To receive federal funding the elected officials must have had these two classes. There will be a link sent out to the members to go on and take these classes. If anyone has questions let Scott know. Both classes are free and can be done online.

Discussed the advantages of getting an EMA vehicle. Some examples: visibility in the county, have appropriate communications equipment, maps, contact information, can be used as a primary/secondary command vehicle for police, fire, or EMS on scene, is appropriately marked for easy recognition at a scene or disaster, has the capacity to tow emergency trailers, example Humboldt/Calhoun County Command Trailers, county air trailer, Humboldt County CERT Gator, can respond in adverse weather (4X4), also can travel off road in remote locations, also can be used as a mobile EOC.

During May, June, and July this vehicle could have been utilized at a HazMat incident by Racing Unlimited, structure fire in rural Vincent, structure fire South 15th Fort Dodge, structure fire at Jims Carpet One, Shellabration, Market on Central, the various parades and town activities during the past three months, Ragbrai, various local and state meetings, Webster County Fair, tornado in Lake City in May, airport disaster drill, and various other activities.

Scott proposed three bids on a Chevy Tahoe from Kemna, Karl, and Deery Brothers. Discussion was that Scott work with Kemna to buy local. Also discussed to work with Electronic Engineering for equipment. Scott to present final costs at special meeting on September 10, 2015.

Scott presented various ways to pay for it. Scott recommends a 5 year lease thru GM that would offer one payment yearly. The benefit to this is it can be budgeted without more money and 50% can be run thru the EMPG grant each year. The equipment proposal would be a onetime payment thru a budget amendment at the regular FY17 budget hearing in January.

After discussion it was recommended that a vehicle be purchased. Setting a special meeting for September 10, 2015 to present final numbers and vote.

Other Business:

None

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment:

Motion: McCormack

Second: Brundage

All Yes – Motion Carried.