

Kossuth County
Emergency Management Commission
219 S. Phillips Street
Algona, IA 50511

The Kossuth County Emergency Management Commission was held, Tuesday January 24, 2023 at the Kossuth County Emergency Response & Training Complex.

The meeting was Called to Order by Jerry Thompson Vice Chair.

Roll call taken and quorum established. Two members attended via Teams.

A motion to Approve Minutes of December 20, 2022, meeting was made by Alan Miller with a second from Jeff Broesder. Motion carried.

A motion Approve Agenda for EMA January 24, 2023, meeting was made by Alan Miller with a second from David LaGue. Motion carried.

Old Business

RSF's – Charissa stated the Commission should have received an email inviting you to attend the Economic TTX March 1st from 3:00pm-6:00pm. To prepare for the TTX there are (3) 1-hour long virtual open houses offered in February. Each date is a different topic. Charissa passed out flier with the 3 dates of the virtual open house.

Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan- Charissa informed the Commission that the application has been fully submitted. Looking at possible March to know if awarded funding that was requested. I would like to have a decision on our contracted agency to complete the plan prior to the award. I know that with out having any idea what we will be receiving for funds makes it difficult to decide. So with that being said, NIACOG is around \$27,000. JEO Consulting Group rough estimate was \$40,000 which I wrote the grant for. At this time, no decision was rendered by the Commission.

Can-Am trailer update – Charissa informed the Commission the trailer has been ordered. Ben Eischen came in after giving him measurements to make sure we both were on the same page. Should be about 6 weeks for the trailer to come in once order is placed.

HSGP grant update- Charissa has been working with the Deputies with locking down what we want in a drone, capabilities we can live without and looking at capabilities we can add later if we so chose. We have a few vendors coming to demo their drones. One is coming at the end of January. Reaching out to the grant manager to see if we can use money to purchase more than one of if I can stuck with buying one. My goal is to lock this in by end of February.

New Business

Budget- Public Hearing-opened at 6:17 PM. Vice Chair, Jerry Thompson, asked for public comment regarding the budget. No members from the public attending in person or via Teams with no public comments public hearing closed at 6:18 PM.

Discussion/decision/adoption of FY 2023/2024 EMA Commission budget- Budget was reviewed again. Charissa informed Commission budget numbers did not change from the December Commission budget workshop.

Motion to accept & adopt budget made by Deb Stevens with a second from Alan Miller.

Roll Call of vote- Alan Miller- yes, Jeff Broesder-yes, David LaGue-yes, Christy Skilling-yes, Deb Stevens-yes, Craig Larson-yes, Kevin McPeak-yes, Marilyn Schutz-yes, Sharon Cowin-yes, Wendy Zielske-yes, Jerry Thompson-yes, Josh Waechter-yes. Motion carried.

EMPG 2023 Grant-Charissa informed the Commission the NOI for EMPG 2023 completed and will be completing the application which is due by **Monday, April 10, 2023.**

Christy Skilling asked question regarding EMA residence which will be discussed at next Commission meeting since the Commission Agenda has already been approved.

SF41- 29c- Charissa informed the Commission about the a new Senate File that is being presented regarding the 29c. A brief history of the funding issues between organizations. Iowa Code 29C.17 (emergency management fund) states the BOS “shall” fund emergency management in one of five different ways. Iowa Code 331.424(9) states the BOS “may” fund emergency management. This has been an ongoing issue since 1986.

SF41 was written and introduced by Senator Mike Klimesh. This proposed legislation will make EM our own taxing authority, like a school district, county hospital, etc. Currently the BOS are our levying authority and our Commissions are the certifying boards. This new proposal will allow the BOS to reduce their general supplemental taxation by our budget amount and in turn reduce the county taxation or use those funds for other pertinent county needs. The bill requires transparency in the property tax bills meaning the commission’s taxing amount will be identified separately just like other county taxing authorities.

This does not change anything for how Emergency Management is funded in Kossuth County. This will just replace option 1.

29C.17 Local emergency management fund.

1. A local emergency management fund is created in the office of the county treasurer. Revenues provided and collected shall be deposited in the fund. An unencumbered balance in the fund shall not revert to county general revenues. Any reimbursement, matching funds, moneys received from sale of property, or moneys obtained from any source in connection with the local emergency management program shall be deposited in the local emergency management fund. The commission shall be the fiscal authority and the chairperson or vice chairperson of the commission is the certifying official.

2. For purposes consistent with [this chapter](#), the local emergency management agency’s approved budget shall be funded by one or any combination of the following options, as determined by the commission:

- a. A countywide special levy pursuant to [section 331.424, subsection 1.](#)
- b. Per capita allocation funded from city and county general funds or by a combination of city and county special levies which may be apportioned among the member jurisdictions.
- c. An allocation computed as each jurisdiction’s relative share of the total assessed valuation within the county.
- d. A voluntary share allocation.
- e. Other funding sources allowed by law.

E911 updates- Derek or Don-

Trainings- February 6 & 7th G205 Recovery class; EMS will be hosting a class February 18 & 19, Storm Spotter class in April. Spring will be doing an exercise with the nursing homes.

Next Meeting Date: April 25,2023 at 6:00 PM

Motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Broesder with a second by Deb Stevens. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 6:27pm