

Cedar County Joint Emergency Management Commission
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The regular quarterly meeting of the Cedar County Joint Emergency Management Commission was held on January 8, 2026, both in-person and by online forum with the call originating from the Cedar County EMA Administrative Offices at 1410 Cedar Street, Tipton, IA 52772. Those attending in-person included: Jon Bell, Cedar County Supervisor; Warren Wethington, Cedar County Sheriff; Kevin Knoche, Cedar County Sheriff; Tammi Goerdt, Mayor of Tipton; David Siebels, Stanwood City Council; Kevin Rasdon, Bennett Fire Chief; Kevin Stoolman, West Branch Fire Chief; Dan Baker, Mechanicsville Fire; Dwayne Brown Jr, Cedar County 911/EMA; Mindy Beekman, Office Coordinator Cedar County 911/EMA; Sue Hall, Press. Those attending virtually: Andrew Oberbrockling, Mayor of Mechanicsville; Kyle Dennis, Stanwood Fire Chief; Jamie Woode, Tipton Fire

Mayor Goerdt made a motion to re-elect Bell as Chairman and Wethington as Vice Chair; Seconded by Siebels. Motion carried.

Goerdt made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Siebels. Motion carried.

Goerdt made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2025 regular meeting; seconded by Siebels. Motion carried.

Chair Bell yielded the floor to Brown to discuss expenditures and revenues from the previous quarter. Atypical expenses for October were \$75.50 to Hawkeye Fire Extinguisher Inspection; No Atypical revenues. Atypical expenses for November were \$3,441.00 and \$3,826.00 to JEO Consulting for the Multi Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation, \$543 for Brown to attend the Iowa Homeland Security Conference, \$2,260.00 for the new EMA computer; Atypical November Expense was the transfer of \$67,000 to EMA from E911 for administration fee. Due to the holiday, December expenses and revenues were not available by the time the agendas needed to be posted and will be included at the April meeting.

Wethington made motion to approve expenditures and revenues; seconded by Dennis. Motion carried

Brown provided updates on old business:

- a. Building Updates:
 - i. Bathroom/Water Fountain update – Scope of work is still pending approval as Unity Point has made some ownership changes.
- b. Grants:
 - i. EMPG 2025 is still pending as there is currently a lawsuit that has not been settled as of yet. Funding may require a population audit before it is granted but it has not been determined.
- c. Iowa Homeland Security Conference was attended by Brown. He earned 12 hours of credit and thought that it was very informative.
- d. Brown stated that in 2025, 37 weather radios were distributed which is over half.

- a. Planning-
 - i. Cultural RSF – Brown advised he is working on and looking for people to contact in the County regarding this plan
 - ii. Brown is also working on the ingestion pathway plan and is about halfway to completion
- b. Training –
 - i. Brown has completed all of his independent study courses. Brown has 2 EMPD trainings left on February 5, 2026 and April 2, 2026 to be fully certified.
 - ii. Second Thursday trainings may be starting up again in February as time allows.
- c. Exercises
 - i. Brown will be putting together a table top exercise regarding the December 13, 2025 I 80 Snow Event. His intention is to determine how and when EMA should be dispatched and review the event and the steps followed.
- d. Outreach
 - i. Social media continues to be the main form of communication with the public

New Business

- a. Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - i. Report from JEO concerning worksheets sent out. Chair Bell provided list of those that had not responded. Beekman advised that Durant had been given an extended deadline at their request.
 - ii. Brown advised that February 12, 2026 at 6:30pm would be the round 2 meeting with JEO at the Cedar County Courthouse.
- b. Proposed budget was discussed.
- c. Brown advised that the 2026 EMPG Grant NOI has been filed.

Personnel/Office Updates

- a. Brown advised that he has completed the National Disaster and Emergency Management University of Professional Development Series.
- b. Window Crack in the EOC was pointed out and quotes will be requested for repair.
- c. Brown spoke about taking the EMA from a server to a cloud-based system to hold down expenses.

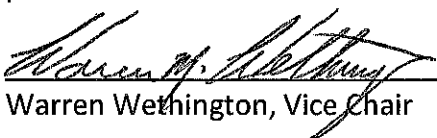
Issues from Public or Emergency Responders – none mentioned

Motion to set 2025-2026 Budget Amendment Hearing – February 3, 2026 at 8:10am made by Wethington; seconded by Goerd. Motion carried.

Motion to set 2026-2027 Budget Hearing – February 3, 2026 at 8:20 am made by Goerd; seconded by Wethington. Motion carried.

Next regular meeting will be held April 10, 2025 at 7pm at 1410 Cedar St, Tipton.

Wethington made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Dennis. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.


Warren Wethington, Vice Chair