

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 April 10, 2025, 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: Warren Wethington, Cedar County Sheriff; Jon Bell, Cedar County Supervisor; Tammi Goerdt, Mayor of Tipton; Todd Sawyer, Mayor of Stanwood; Kevin Stoolman, Chief, West Branch Fire Department; Adam Padair, Dan Baker, Ryan Steinberg, Mechanicsville Fire Department; David Adney, Lowden Fire Department Fire Department; Mindy Beekman, Office Coordinator Cedar County EMA; Sue Hall, Press. Those attending virtually: Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor of Mechanicsville; Dan Sterner, Durant City Council.

Chairman Bell called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm.

Goerdt made a motion to approve the agenda as amended to add budget amendment; seconded by Wethington. Motion carried.

Sawyer made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2025 regular meeting; seconded by Wethington. Motion carried.

Goerdt made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025 Budget Hearings for both Fiscal Years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026

Chair Bell yielded the floor to Beekman to discuss expenditures and revenues from the previous quarter. Atypical expenses for January were \$127.22 to Crist Electric for 2 emergency lights, \$70.00 tow truck to take EMA truck to O'Rourke's, purchase of a weather station with the Community Grant of \$1,764.90, Iowa Emergency Management Dues of \$225.00; There is no atypical revenue for January. February atypical expense to O'Rourke's to fix battery issues with the EMA Truck \$429.95, publication of budget amendment in newspapers \$669.60. There is no atypical income for February. Atypical expenses for March include: one booth fee and gate pass for Cedar County Fair \$140.00, tile repair in entryway and men's room \$227.00, and AED Box for EMA Office \$10.30. No atypical revenues for March.

Beekman provided updates on old business:

a. Building Updates:

- I. Women's Bathroom - Beekman provided a quote for Lowden Plumbing to remove the toilet in the and the water fountain in the main lobby. Waiting for the quote for drywall work in bathroom and entryway. Quote will be presented to UnityPoint when complete as will be a cost share project. Sawyer made a motion to allow Bell to approve work when everything is agreed upon with UnityPoint; Sterner seconded. Motion carried.
- II. Men's Bathroom – stall door has been removed and all that would be left would be installation of a self-locking door handle. Waiting for quote from drywall company for handle.

b. Grants:

- I. Beekman advised that the EMPG 2025 has been submitted to the state. The state planner has reviewed and is working with Cedar County EMA to keep track of compliance for the grant.

- c. Cedar County EMS: Jim has moved into the extra office and has been very helpful. Jim has had ingestion pathway training so may be called upon to help the new EMA Director in completing the requested plan for the state.
- d. Weather Radios: 12 given out since last fall. Weather radios are being promoted when people come in for the public health foot clinic, on Facebook and also at the Cedar County Fair and Public Health Fair.

Chairman Bell yielded the floor to Beekman to discuss planning, training, exercises and outreach.

- a. Planning -
 - i. ESF 10 (Hazardous Materials) up for adoption. Motion to adopt by Sawyer; Seconded by Goerd. Motion carried.
 - ii. Some updates to THIRA have been made. The new EMA Director will be tasked with updating after starting.
 - iii. Beekman advised that ESF 4, ESF 9, and ESF 13 will be adopted for 2025 Grant cycle. These appear to have been completed in advance.
- b. Training -
 - i. HazMat Operations training was completed on February 8, 2025 in Clarence.
 - ii. ICS 2nd Thursday trainings will resume with new EMA when able to train.
- c. Exercises
 - i. Beekman advised that HSMED states that Cedar County looks good for additional exercises that are due by June 1, 2026.
- d. Outreach
 - i. Cedar County EMA is still trying to maintain all education through social media channels.
 - ii. Beekman advised that Cedar County EMA has registered for a fair booth.

New Business

- a. Multi-jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation plan will be written by JEO. The BRIC grant that had been applied for has been pulled back. HSMED has been working with Beekman to apply for funds left over from the spring disasters for 2024

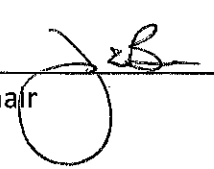
Personnel/Office Updates

- a. Dwayne Brown Jr has been hired for the EMA position. His start date will be July 1, 2025.
- b. Wethington made a motion to pay a stipend to Beekman until June 30, 2025 of what the past director had been making starting immediately. Goerd seconded. Motion carried.

Issues from Public or Emergency Responders – none mentioned

The next regular meeting will be July 17, 2025 at 7pm at 1410 Cedar Street, Tipton

Sawyer made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Sterner. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.



Jon Bell, Chair