

MAHASKA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

214 High Avenue East Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577

(W) 641-672-1209 (F) 641-673-2588

www.mahaskaready.com



The Mahaska County EMA Commission met at 630 PM on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at the Mahaska County Law Center-Lower Level, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577;

The meeting was called to order by Chair VanRenterghem at 630 PM.

Roll Call:

Members: David Krutzfeldt, Jacob Dannels, Barb Davis, Nick Batterson, George Toubekis, Sherri Baxter, Marcia Slycord, Kim Sytsma, Jay Sarver, Russ VanRenterghem, Mark Groenendyk.

Non-Members: Micheal Mahaffey, Cheryl Eklofe, Ken Allsup, Jamey Robinson.

Agenda as follows:

1. Approve the current agenda
 - Motion by Toubekis to approve the agenda, 2nd by Krutzfeldt, no further discussion, motion passed 11-0
2. Approve minutes-11/30/21
 - Mr. Groenendyk would like to see Keokuk listed in the previous minutes in reference to Hazmat response, as well as he mentioned that he didn't think there was a 28E for EMA to provide these services in the county, and he wanted to the record to reflect that as well. With those additions Groenendyk motions to approve the minutes, 2nd by Davis, no further discussion, motion approved 11-0
3. Public comments-None

Items for the February 17, 2022 meeting:

4. Legal-Discussion/Action
 - Executive Session- Closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(c): c. To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation.

Motion by Toubekis to go into closed session, second by Slycord, no further discussion, motion approved 10-1 Groenendyk No

Motion by Krutzfeldt to go back into open session, seconded by Batterson, no further discussion, motion approved 11-0

MAHASKA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

214 High Avenue East Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577

(W) 641-672-1209 (F) 641-673-2588

www.mahaskaready.com



-
- Discussion/Action following closed session-No discussion or action was taken
5. Election of Officers-Discussion/Action
 - Chair- Motion by Slycord to appoint Sheriff VanRenterghem as the Chair, 2nd by Toubekis. Groenendyk motions to cease nominations, 2nd by Toubekis, Motion to keep Sheriff VanRenterghem as chair, approved 11-0
 - Vice Chair- Slycord motions to appoint Batterson as the Vice Chair, 2nd by Toubekis, no further discussion, motion approved 11-0
 6. Appoint 911 Board Representative-Discussion/Action

Robinson states that the EMA typically sits on the 911 board, but he doesn't feel right sitting on the board as he reports to it. Motion to appoint Toubekis to 911 Board by Davis, 2nd by Slycord, no further discussion, motion approved 11-0
 7. Budget-Discussion/Action
 - Public Hearing- Motion by Krutzfeldt to open the public hearing, 2nd by Batterson, no further discussion, motion approved 11-0. Robinson states no written comments were made. Motion by Krutzfeldt to close the public hearing, 2nd by Groenendyk, no further discussion, motion approved 11-0.
 - 2022-2023 Budget- Robinson states that the budget was published as discussed previously. The employee increase was set at 7% with the understanding that it can be lowered. He stated that the county is looking at an increase of around 5%. Robinson stated that the 911 Board approved the 7% for staff. It was questions why the percent did not add up to 7%, Robinson states that this also looks at the breakdown of time, so it will vary, but overall staff increase as presented is 7%. Groenendyk mentioned that the county and the city voted against the 7% on the 911 Board, Krutzfeldt stated this was correct, but he has different thoughts on this and feels that the 5%-7% is a good number, and current inflation numbers are showing 7.5% so he would support the 7%.
Motion to approve budget as presented with the 7% by Batterson, 2nd by Sytsma, there was some follow up questions on legal expenses and equipment insurance, it was explained these are split between 911 and EMA. Sheriff VanRenterghem did want to share with the group he agreed with Sytsma that 7% is a good number as he doesn't want to see turn over in staff. Further discussion included grant funds and the difference in previous year and current year. Robinson states that they don't spend it unless they get it, so the numbers don't line up. He states the budget is for the potential, but previous shows what they have received. No further discussion, Motion approved 10-1 Groenendyk No
 8. Claim & Budget Review-Discussion/Action

MAHASKA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

214 High Avenue East Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577

(W) 641-672-1209 (F) 641-673-2588

www.mahaskaready.com



-
- Fisher Scientific-Hazmat suits-\$11,953.64 Robinson states this will update their hazmat suits and are multi year suits. Krutzfeldt motions to approve the purchase, 2nd by Baxter. Discussion included how often the suits are used. no further discussion, Motion approved 10-0-1 Groenendyk abstained.
 - Midwest Card Solution-\$2,045.87 Robinson states this is the countywide ID system and allows EMA to track people and resources. Motion to approve Davis, 2nd by Baxter, no further discussion, Motion approved 10-0-1 Groenendyk abstained.
 - Claims review-Claims are reviewed, no action taken
1. Adjourn- Motion by Groenendyk to adjourn, 2nd by Mr. Slycord, no further discussion, approved 11-0.