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The Mahaska County EMA Commission and 911 Board met at 600pm on Wednesday February 8, 2023, at the Mahaska County Conservation Complex, 2342 Hwy 92, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577; The meeting was called to order by Chairman VanRenterghem at 601pm.

Roll Call:

911 Board(11): Amal Eltahir, Jeff Long, Barbara Davis, Gene Rouze, Marcia Slycord, Loren Vos, George Toubekis, Russ Vanrenterghem, Brian DesPlanque, Nate Crozier (phone), Mark Groenendyk.

EMA Commission (12): Steve Burnett, Jeff Long, Barb Davis, Nick Batterson, Tom Van Der Veer, George Toubekis, Marcia Slycord, Mark DeJong, Sherri Baxter, Kim Sytsma, Russ VanRenterghem, Mark Groenendyk.

Non-Members: Josh Stevens, Cheryl Eklofe, Channing Rucks, Doug Shullaw, Briar Awtry, Chris Clingan, Joe Mahaffey, Carrie Smith, Levi Hamilton, Tapanga Blom, Jane Walker, Jim Walker, Patti Sines, Amber Angove, Zac neff, Mark Neff, Kevin Lamerson, Brad Latcham, Charlie Comfort, Kodi Smith, Steve Gerard, Chris Latcham, David Krutzfeldt, Joe Goemaat, Ben Johnson, Brandy Greatbatch, Andrew Ritaland, Collin Smith, Steve Wanders, and Jamey Robinson.

1. **Approve Current EMA Agenda-** Motion made by Long to approve the agenda as presented, 2nd by Mr. Batterson, no further discussion, motion approved 12-0.
2. **Approve Current 911 Agenda -** Motion by Rouze to approve the 911 Agenda as presented, 2nd by Vos, no further discussion, motion passed 11-0
3. **Approve joint meeting minutes 11-30-2022**
Motion by Mr. Long to approve the minutes on behalf of the EMA Commission, 2nd by Mr. Toubekis, no ofurther discussion. Motion passed 11-0-1 Mr. DeJong abstained due to online issues of hearing the last meeting.

Motion by Mr. Vos to approve the minutes on behalf of the 911 Board, 2nd by Mrs. Eltahir, no further discussion, motion passed 11-0

4. **Public Comment-**The following individuals spoke to the EMA Commission and 911 Board: Kevin DeRonde, Mahaska Health CEO, Mark Neff, Brad Latcham on behald of New Sharon Fire Chief Josh Crouse, Briar Awtry-Chief Barnes City Fire, Doug Shullaw-Delta Fire.

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5. City/County consultant report-Discussion/Action

There was a discussion among the membership outlining the recommendations of the consultant. The entire study as well as the presentation notes were shared with the membership of both entities. No action was taken

6. Legal-Discussion/Action

- a) **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.**

No action was taken

- b) **Discussion/Action following closed session** Mr. Mahaffey spoke to the commission in regards to the ruling of the court on the litigation between EMA and the BOS. There was a discussion among the membership. No action was taken.

- c) **Approve legal to draft contract between EMA Commission and 911 Board for administration.** Mr. Robinson asked about having a contract drafted by legal for between EMA and 911 to continue administration, with the understanding that the EMA levy could not be used for funding, per the court ruling. Mr Toubekis asked Mahaska County Attorney Ritland if he would work with EMA & 911 legal to draft something that would work for all parties. Mr. Ritland advises that he would gladly look at anything that is presented to him. Motion by Mr. Toubekis to have legal draft document, 2nd by Mr. Batterson, Discussion: Mrs. Elthair asks if there is even a need to draft this document. She advises that no one is questioning the administration. Mr. Toubekis wants to see the lawyers work together and decide what is best for all parties, he withdraws his motion and will wait till the next meeting for what legal decides. No action was taken.

7. 911 Board-

- a) **2023-2024 Budget Discussion/Action** Mr. Robinson states that he worked with the Vice Chair Davis on the budget. He did not incorporate the changes the consultant put forward, specifically adding \$60,000 in overtime. He advised that salary discussion at the county level to his knowledge is 4%. It was also brought up at the last meeting by Oskaloosa Mayor Krutzfeldt that the National average is 4-6%. Mr. Groenendyk advises that while they are talking about 4% it will probably be decreased to 3% countywide, and elected officials are looking at 15%. Mr. Robinson states that this can be lowered, but he needs the approval to move forward with publication so he can set the public hearing. Mrs. Elthair motions to decrease the salaries to a 3% increase for staff instead of the 4%, 2nd by Mr. Groenendyk, motion passed 10-1 Long No, he doesn't feel 3% is enough.

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Motion by Mr. Vos to publish the budget for public comment, 2nd by Mrs. Davis, motion approved, 11-0

b) **Claim Approval-Discussion/Action**

- i. **Racom \$28,744.25-P25 Talk Path CSSI. Radio system upgrades This would be a fund transfer to the County from Surcharge.** Mr. Robinson states that this was a bill for the new radio system, and that it is an allowable expense out of surcharge. This bill has been paid already by the BOS, so it will be a fund transfer from surcharge to the county. Motion by Mrs. Elthair to approve the transfer of the funds, 2nd by Mr. Vos, no further discussion, motion passed 11-0

8. **EMA Commission**

- a) **2023-2024 Budget Discussion/Action** Mr. Robinson presents the budget to the EMA Commission. He states that the increase is based on the county discussion of 4%, but with the change on the 911 side, this should be decreased as well. There was a comments about the need for a more in depth breakdown of th budget and that the County Budget sheets are not detailed enough. Motion by Mr. Burnett to approve publication of the budget with a change to 3%, 2nd by Davis, Discussion, Mr. Groenendyk asks if EMA is going to help with county emergency plans for the courthouse, Mr. Robinson states he would absolutely help with their plan, no further discussion, motion passed 12-0

Mr. Robinson asks how the Commission wants to fund the budget and points out that the consultant recommended it be done per capita. There was a discussion on what items fall under 29C and Mr. Toubekis would like to see the attorneys review the budget with a detailed breakdown provided by Mr. Robinson to make sure it falls under 29C. Mr. Burnett motions to approve the use of the EMA Commission special countywide levy as long as the attorneys agree all items are under 29C, 2nd by Mr. Groenendyk, no further discussion, motion passed 12-0

a) **Claims review- No action taken**

9. **Next meeting-**Mr. Robinson states they will have to meet February 28, 2023 to approve the budgets.

10. **Adjourn:**

11. **EMA Adjourn:** Motion by Mrs. Davis to adjourn, 2nd by Mr. Long, motion passed 12-0.

911 Adjourn: Motion by Mrs. Davis to adjourn, 2nd by Mr. Long, motion passed 11-0.