

MAHASKA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Mahaska County EM Commission Meeting Minutes

The Mahaska County EM Commission met on Tuesday, February 11th 2025, at the Mahaska County Law Center, 214 High Ave East, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Van Renterghem at 6:00 P.M.

Members Attending:

Doug Greenlee, Keri Lamberson, Sherri Baxter, Mark De Jong, Tom Van Der Veer, David Krutzfeldt, John Butler, Kim Sytsma (phone), and Russ Van Renterghem.

Non-Members: Josh Stevens, Cheryl Eklofe

Approve the current agenda

- **Motion by Greenlee to approve the agenda, seconded by Krutzfeldt, all in favor, motion carried.**

Approve meeting minutes from the January 21st 2025 meeting

- **Motion by Lamberson to approve the minutes, seconded by Sytsma, all in favor, motion carried.**

Public Comments - None

2025-2026 EM Budget

A. Public Hearing

Greenlee motioned to open the public hearing, seconded by Lamberson, all in favor, motion carried. Josh advised that he did not receive any written or verbal comments regarding the proposed budget. Josh presented information to the Commission regarding the proposed budget for 2025 - 2026 that was discussed at the last meeting. Highlighted topics included insurance costs, LEPC, and the facility line item.

B. 2025-2026 Budget

A motion was made by Krutzfeldt to approve the budget, seconded by Greenlee, all in favor, motion carried.

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Election of Officers

- Josh informed the Commission about the need to elect a chair and vice chair. **Greenlee motioned to re-appoint Sheriff Van Renterghem as the chairperson of the Commission, seconded by Van Der Veer, all in favor, motion carried.**
- **Van Der Veer made a motion to appoint Keri Lamberson as the vice chairperson, seconded by Baxter, all in favor, motion carried.**

Updates

- Josh provided the members with the claims to be reviewed since the last meeting. Van Renterghem discussed school safety topics in Mahaska County. Josh talked about the storm siren in Barnes City that needs attention. The siren is currently operational but needs repairs due to age, and parts being unavailable. Josh is waiting on figures from the contractor that maintains the sirens and will attempt to fundraise to cover some of the costs of maintenance/replacement. This will likely be a project similar to Rose Hill last year, where local funds covered over 50% of the cost of a refurbished siren.

Public Comments – None

Next Meeting

- Doodle Poll

Adjourn

- **Van Der Veer motioned to adjourn, Lamberson seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 6:27 P.M.