

MAHASKA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Mahaska County EM Commission Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

The Mahaska County EM Commission met on Wednesday, February 4th, 2026, 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:

Keri Lamberson, Tom Van Der Veer, Kim Sytsma (phone), Jeff Ennis (phone), George Toubekis, Zack Neff, Mark Groenendyk (phone), and Russ Van Renterghem.

Non-Members: Josh Stevens & Cheryl Eklofe

Approve the current agenda

- Motion by Toubekis to approve the agenda, seconded by Van Der Veer, all in favor, motion carried.

Approve meeting minutes from the January 7th, 2026 meeting

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

Public Comments - None

Public Hearing on the 2026-2027 Budget

- A. Neff 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 2026-2027 budget. Josh recapped the information from the previous meeting. There were no changes after the last meeting and the publication of the public hearing was in accordance with Ia Code.
- B. Lamberson motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Sytsma, all in favor, motion carried.

2026-2027 Budget

- Josh provided the Commission with information on the budget. No changes were made after the previous meeting. Toubekis motioned to approve the budget amendment, seconded by Van Der Veer, all in favor, motion carried.

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Annual Training Document

- Josh provided the Commission with a copy of the annual training document that needs to be submitted to Iowa Homeland Security. This document states that Josh has completed a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education in the current year. A motion by Van Der Veer to approve the chairperson to sign the training document, seconded by Lamberson, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments

- Josh updated the Commission on the status of the hazard mitigation plan update. There will be a meeting announcement soon for a kick-off meeting that will start the process. This meeting will be virtual but the EMA meeting room at the law center will be available for anyone that wants to attend as a group. Representatives can also bring clerks or others that they would like to be involved in the process. Be on the lookout for an email.

Next Meeting

- Doodle Poll

Adjourn

- Lamberson motioned to adjourn, Toubekis seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.