



Clinton County Emergency Management Commission Meeting

Thursday, August 11, 2016 | 5:45 PM

Clinton County Satellite Office – Large Meeting Room
226 11th Street, DeWitt, Iowa

Attendees:

- Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Shawn Hamerlinck
- City of Andover: Councilperson Leslie Schroeder
- City of Calamus: Councilperson Mike Lacey
- City of Charlotte: Mayor Peggy Sellnau
- City of Clinton: Councilperson Tom Determann
- City of Delmar: Mayor Patty Hardin
- City of DeWitt: Mayor Don Thiltgen
- City of Grand Mound: Mayor Kurt Crosthwaite
- City of Low Moor: Councilperson Derek Hoenig
- City of Welton: Mayor Glen Boswell
- City of Wheatland: Councilperson Paul Stankee
- Sheriff's Office: Sheriff Rick Lincoln
- Emergency Management:
 - Coordinator, Chance Kness
 - Operations Officer, Dan Howard
 - Administrative Assistant, Amanda Pearson

Absent:

City of Camanche
City of Goose Lake
City of Lost Nation
City of Toronto

Media: None

Public: Deb Olson

1. *Introductions* – The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Mayor Thiltgen. Introductions were made.
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes – February 24, 2016 – A motion to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented was made by Mayor Boswell and seconded by Mayor Sellnau. Motion passed.
3. General Public - This is the time that the public can address the Commission. Public comments will be limited to 3 minutes per individual. – No public comments were made.
4. Discussion and Possible action – Approve Ops Officer salary increase to \$48,500 due to the new Department of Labor rule effective November 31st
 - a. Kness stated the Operations Officer's current salary is \$45,000 and with the new Department of Labor law going into effect December 1, 2016, a decision is needed to either raise the salary above the new threshold or make the position hourly. A motion to approve the Ops Officer salary increase to \$48,500 due to the new Department of Labor law was made by Sheriff Lincoln and seconded by Councilperson Lacey. Motion passed 10-1 with Councilperson Determann voting no.
5. Discussion – Quad Cities Nuclear Generating Station closing, possible impact on EMA

- a. Kness stated that the Quad Cities Nuclear Generating Station is going through the decommissioning process. Even though this is not 100% certain, it is fairly certain that this will happen, therefore Exelon is taking steps towards closing. Kness wanted to make sure everyone is aware of the process and ensure the group that EMA is on status quo with preparedness activities until the fall of 2019. The target date for EMA to maintain full preparedness is December 2019. There will be continued preparedness actions after 2019 as fuel is still in the pool and then placed in dry cask storage.
 - b. Kness reminded the group that continued (all-hazard) preparedness actions are still necessary and there will eventually be a shortfall of funding due to EMA currently receiving \$39,000 per year from Exelon along with assistance from State and Exelon individuals that are funded by Exelon.
 - c. Exelon maintains 18 sirens within the emergency planning zone (unincorporated Clinton County, Low Moor area, Camanche, Follets, Elvira and Clinton). Exelon has not decided yet what they will do with those sirens but has discussed possibly gifting them to Clinton County. If those sirens are gifted, there will be upkeep costs on those additional sirens. Currently an average of \$13,600 is spent annually to upkeep the 18 sirens the county has now. If 18 additional sires were gifted to the county, that upkeep cost will double. There would also be a onetime expenditure to update the telemetry on their sirens so they would work with the county's current system. That upgrade would cost about \$20,000. There are a few more budget cycles before these decisions need to be made. This decommission process will continue to be discussed at every commission meeting in order to start planning for these future issues.
 - d. Mayor Thiltgen asked EMA to provide a preliminary report on how this will impact the county. Councilperson Determann suggested seeking support from large local corporations to contribute to the shortfall. Mayor Thiltgen would like to first see the burden of these changes in advance to be proactive if additional funding support is needed. Councilperson Lacey asked if the annual \$39,000 Exelon provides to EMA could be set back to use for the transition expense to build a reserve. Kness stated there currently is a healthy reserve amount available.
6. Discussion – Update on the new Law Center project
 - a. Kness updated the group on final drawings being worked on by the architect for the EMA offices and EOC that will be within the new Law Center.
 7. Other Business - None
 8. With no other business Sheriff Lincoln made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Mayor Sellnau at 5:59 pm.

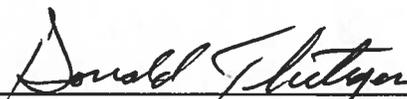
A Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning meeting followed this meeting.



Chance Kness, Coordinator

9/21/16

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Emergency Management Chairperson

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