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The Johnson County Emergency Management Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, the 22nd of February, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Policy Board conference room at the Joint Emergency Communications Center & Emergency Management Agency Offices, located at 4529 Melrose Avenue, Iowa City, IA. This meeting is subject to Iowa open meeting laws and rules unless moved into closed or executive session. Agenda is posted at least 24 hrs in advance of all meetings both on the JECC-EMA Website, the Johnson County Websites and at the Public Entrance to the JECC Building.

February 22nd, 2012 Johnson County EMA Commission Meeting Minutes

In attendance were: Rod Sullivan- Board of Supervisors

Dave Stannard- Coralville Fire Chief-Coralville Rep

Tim Kemp- Hills Mayor

Michelle Payne- Iowa City Councilwoman

Don Saxton- Oxford Mayor (Commission Chair)

Eric Vandewater- North Liberty Fire Chief- North Liberty Rep

Lonny Pulkrabek- Johnson County Sheriff

Greg Morris- Solon Fire and Solon Representative

Louise From- University Heights Mayor

Dave Wilson- EMA Coordinator

B.J. Dvorak- EMA Plans Officer

Guests were: Roger Jensen- ICFD

1. Call to order by chairperson at 7:00 p.m.
2. Amend, correct or approve previous meeting minutes or this agenda. (January 2012- Minutes)
 - Motion to accept previous meeting minutes from January as drafted, by Greg, Second by Rod, All Ayes- Approved.
3. Comments from the Public.
 - No comments from the public in attendance.
4. Topics from the Commission.
 - Dave introduced Michelle Payne as the new Iowa City Representative.
5. Communications Center Updates.
 - Dave and Gary attended a 2-day Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board Meeting last week in West Des Moines to listen to RFI presentations from Harris, RACOM, Raytheon, and Motorola. This was on connecting the State network and also interconnecting the existing P25 systems that are out there. They will now be moving forward with request for proposals to hire a consultant to manage integration and move forward with equipment selections. The incentive for JECC will be ICN backhaul at the States expense, the State buying us additional channel capacity as needed and support from DPS for locals to get a larger share of the wireless fund for 911. That is what we are wanting in exchange for being part of the state system.



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- Congress and the Senate passed the D Block legislation and billions in grant funds tied to it last Thursday. Mike Miller and RACOM lobbied pretty hard to get a D-Block waiver for Iowa. Iowa is one of the few states that have the waiver for D-Block. There are several billion dollars that will be allocated in federal grants. Part of the State RFP will be hiring a contractor to do 3 pilot LTE projects. The 3 that were proposed were the Iowa State Fair, RAGBRAI, and the Iowa-Iowa State Football game. Another potential is the Bix in the Quad Cities. It is a huge benefit for Iowa since they have the D block waiver and any LTE pilot projects will further the broadband cause for public safety and federal grant money for those projects in the future.
6. Haz Mat Team Report.
- On February 10th, the team responded to an overturned Semi on I-80 at the 229 MM by Oxford that was leaking diesel fuel. The diesel fuel leak was contained.
 - February's training was on monitors and Hazmat 1 Familiarization.
 - March's training will be on the decon trailer.
 - We received our new MiniRAE 3000 monitor from Clarey Safety.
 - The State's thermal imaging camera has been returned to them as it is getting older and costly to maintain.
 - The ToxiRAE Pro Ammonia and Chlorine monitors have been ordered from Clarey Safety.
 - Some of our decon line equipment has been updated.
 - The team rules & regulations have been updated and approved.
 - JECC protocol has been changed to reflect the use of I AM Responding in place of CodeRED for dispatching of the team. It is also tied to the tac 10 cad so once haz mat 1 is placed on a call the cad sends an I am responding text message automatically.
 - Conducted new member interviews on Chuck Hodges and Branden Sobaski and both were approved as members.
7. Planner Report: Status of projects.
- 32 people attended the ICS 300 class that was held at the JECC on February 4th and 5th.
 - ICS 400 class will be held at the JECC on March 3rd and 4th.
 - Next LEPC meeting will be on March 13th at 10:00 at the JECC.
 - DAEC Walkthrough will be held on Thursday, March 29th from 6-9 PM at the JC Fairgrounds.
 - DAEC dress rehearsal will be held on April 12th from 6-9 PM at the JC Fairgrounds.
 - DAEC FEMA evaluated exercise will be held on May 3rd from 6-9 PM at the JC Fairgrounds. Please let B.J. know if you will be attending any of these 3 events so he can plan meals accordingly.
 - Weather Spotter class will be on March 15th from 6-8 PM at the Coralville Library.
 - FFY 13 HMEP Grant Application has been submitted to the State for approval.
 - Dave and B.J. attended the Iowa Pipeline Association Safety Training on February 21st in Iowa City.
8. Coordinator Report: Status of projects.
- Dave has had ongoing discussions with Iowa County and Monsanto regarding a hazmat contract(s) with them. Dave was told that they view this as more of a "want" rather than a "need" in this period of economic strain. A motion by Greg and seconded by Tim, that any requests for Hazmat service into Iowa County needs to be from the on-scene incident commander, through the State DNR to JECC or from the Iowa County EMA Coordinator under IMAC to JECC, in order to further protect the team and allow for a better chance for cost recovery to the spiller. This will be until a contract with Iowa County and/or Monsanto is established, by



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Greg, Second by Tim Kemp, All Ayes-Approved. Dave will keep pursuing this with Monsanto and Iowa County.

- We have been working with Washington, and Cedar County and have proposed to Iowa County, the concept of sharing a new reverse 911 system to replace Code Red. The system is called WENS and is used by Washington County already. They are substantially cheaper than CodeRED, which we currently use. If we went with WENS we could share talk minutes with Washington, Cedar and Iowa Counties. Those 3 counties would each pay us \$5,000.00 and we would be responsible for paying \$9,030.00. We would be getting a lot more features from WENS that we didn't have before and it would cost us \$18,970.00 less. A 28E Agreement or MOU would need to be created and we would have 101,000 connected calls and each county would have 33,000 connected calls. Everyone would get free weather alerts, unlimited txt and email messages. We are pursuing this with the other counties.

9. Discussion & possible adoption of revision to the outdoor warning system activation policy.

- Presently Polk, Scott, Linn and Black Hawk Counties have all adopted activating their outdoor warning sirens for wind events that are 70 mph or greater and/or hail that is (Golf ball sized) or larger for activating the outdoor sirens. Dave had an updated weather risk assessment ran over the period of 16 years. From looking at that data there has been 1 fatality and that was from a thunderstorm. On average we would have an activation of about 3 times per year combining Doppler indicated tornados, wind events greater than 70 mph or 1 inch hail or larger. When we moved to JECC the new radio system resolved most of the false alarms for all county activations. Now we can zone alert with the sirens. It is felt that since we can more accurately activate the threatened zones instead of the old all county or nothing system of activation that we had decreased the amount of times we sound and that this should not impact that improvement. As a side note we got only one call of concern. 1 board member was concerned over activating for golf ball size hail. The commission felt we should go ahead and follow the NWS recommendation as presented.
- A motion was made to adopt revision to outdoor warning system activation policy by Tim Kemp Second by Greg, All Ayes-Approved.

10. Monthly Financial Report.

- Dascom bill was insurance deductible to repair EOC V-Tune from a power surge that came in through the geothermal system over the summer.
- Deery Brothers bill was mismarked as batteries for old R52 but was actually for the new R52 to install the electric trailer brake control module. The invoice to the truck shop was correct and was for 2 new batteries on old R52 as they had failed and no longer took or held a charge also we had to replace a boat battery on the boat assigned to CFD.
- Motion to accept financial report. Motion by Dave Stannard Second by Greg, All Ayes-Approved.

11. Adjourn.

- Motion to Adjourn. Motion, by Greg Second by Michelle, All Ayes-Approved.