

## **Black Hawk County Emergency Management Commission Meeting**

Thursday February 23, 2022

Meeting began at 4:03 pm

Roll Call of Members Present: Black Hawk County Sheriff, Black Hawk County Supervisor, Cedar Falls, Dunkerton, Elk Run Heights, Evansdale, Gilbertville, Hudson. Also present Chief Bostwick, and Jason Dolf

1. Motion to approve the agenda by Dunkerton, second by Gilbertville, motion carried.
2. Motion to approve Minutes of January 2022 meeting minutes by Cedar Falls, second by Dunkerton, motion carried

### **Coordinator report**

January/February 2022

#### Trainings/Drills

- Working with PH on table top exercise for the black hawk county area that will focus on public health and other health care facilities. Date is TBA

#### Meetings

IDHRC, District 6, Iowa Emergency Management Association Meeting, Mentoring Meeting for IEMA, State 911 meeting, ISICS board meeting (EMA appointee), IEMA Awards Committee Meeting, Step-C, Black Hawk County 911, ISAC Education Workgroup, Safety Committee for Waterloo, and Cedar Falls Schools. Regional LEPC. Iowa Northland Regional Transit Committee,

#### Misc.

Speaking engagement at Hawkeye Community College about Emergency Management to their Police Science program. Met with new Elk Run Mayor Lisa Smock. IDHRC-Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council had the EMA step down on the board, my name has been provided to fill that position. Spring flooding outlook webinar-appears to hopefully be a "normal" spring with no major spring flooding.

Met with new care facility that will be coming into Cedar Falls, Cedar Stone. Working on updates to policies and procedures. Met with Waterloo Schools at the career center to review additional tornado safe rooms. Changes to Flash Reports, IDPH and BHCO PH is no longer doing contact tracing, or required to do reporting on COVID-19 cases, so the report data has changed to fit the new data available through IDPH. Met with Jolene Carpenter, Rob Inouye, and Joe Vich from Red Cross to discuss ESF 6, Mass Care. Working on finalizing ESF's for 2022, which include 6 Mass Care, 8 Public Health, 10 Hazardous Materials, and 11 Agriculture. Waiting on PH to review those items that related to their office. Will hopefully have those sent out for Commission review next month. Policies and Procedures updates, those have been sent out to members via email.

### **Budget Hearing**

Benson advised commission members present the budget was published with in the 10 to 20 day required time period. Budget review was presented with requested updates for Civil Air Patrol, and addition to part-time employee. Motion by Gilbertville second by Cedar Falls for approval of fiscal year 2023 budget. Roll call budget was done Sheriff – yes, Board of Supervisor – yes, Cedar Falls - yes, Dunkerton – yes, Dunkerton – yes, Elk Run Heights – yes, Evansdale – yes, Gilbertville – yes, Hudson – yes. Budget passed for fiscal year 2023.

### **Old Business**

- A. COVID-19- Flash report information has changed since the counties do not need to report to the Iowa Department of Public Health. IDPH has shut down their COVID-19 website. Less information is available, but there is still COVID information available just in an abbreviated format. Would like to start doing the Flash Report on a Bi-weekly basis unless there is something that is important for dissemination. Bi-weekly Flash Reports will correlate with updated COVID zoom meetings with Public Health.
- B. Drone Update- Dolf advised that they currently have two new people that are in training. The Team was requested for two call outs recently, one for a vehicle chase where the suspect fled on foot. Second for a juvenile call. The team was disregarded prior to arrival. Team is also looking at a new tactical drone with more capabilities, breaking windows, payloads. The team has also submitted for global unlock for a year. This will provide them further capabilities in airspace around airports or airfields.
- C. Jerome Palas was also present on the call to speak regarding the possibility of a CERT team.
- D. Black Hawk County EMA policies/procedures-Benson brought to the commission 6 updated policies/procedures for approval. They are for; Vehicle Use, Social Media, Cell phone, Outdoor warning siren activation, and Drug Free Work place. All policies had been emailed out to members prior to this meeting for review. There were no questions or comments. Motion by Hudson to approve the policies that were received via email. Second by Cedar Falls. All ayes, motion carried.

### **New Business**

No new business presented

Items for General Discussion- Mayor Green presented a spreadsheet that he had developed for the review of the Linn County and City of Cedar Rapids After Action Reports from the 2020 Derecho. He will schedule a meeting with Benson for review and discussion in future meetings on the findings.

Next meeting February 17, 2022, 4:00pm

Motion to adjourn by Cedar Falls, second by Dunkerton. Meeting adjourned at 4:41 PM