

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

Thursday July 21, 2022

Meeting began at 4:06 pm

Roll Call of Members Present: Black Hawk County Sheriff, Black Hawk County Supervisor, Cedar Falls, Dunkerton, Evansdale, Gilbertville, Hudson. Also present Chief Bostwick

1. Motion to approve the agenda by Evansdale, second by Dunkerton, motion carried.
2. Motion to approve Minutes of June 2022 meeting minutes by Hudson, second by Dunkerton, motion carried

### **Coordinator report**

July/August 2022

#### Trainings/Drills

Upcoming trainings hosted by EMA August 23-24 Medical Preparedness & Response to Bombing incidents. August 16-18 Rescue Task Force-Hostile Event interdiction. Instructors for both classes are provided by outside agencies. CISA Active Shooter Preparedness Webinar July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Virtual offering. Met with Keith from the Waterloo Airport regarding Table Top Exercise for this year as well as full scale for next year.

#### Meetings

IDHRC (elected vice chair), ISICS board meeting (EMA appointee), State 911 meeting, EMA District 6, Iowa Emergency Management Association Meeting, IEMA Awards Committee Meeting, STEP-C-ISAC, Black Hawk County 911, Safety Committees-Waterloo Schools, Service Areas 6 Healthcare Coalition. Kristina McBurney from Congresswoman Ashley Hinson's office. LTC Avrams from the Guard.

#### Misc.

##### Organization

##### Response/Weather-

##### Planning-

- Working on plans for National Cattle Congress with Jim Koch
- Working Table Top Exercise with Keith from Waterloo Airport as well as preplanning for full scale next year 2023.

##### Exercise(s)-

- Pending exercise with Waterloo Airport for August,

##### Mitigation-

- Weather Radio Program-ICAP Grant was awarded.

##### Other-

- Grants-EMPG ARPA 2021-quarterly report filed as well as grant close out, all projects are completed.
- Governors School Safety Grant-upcoming meeting with schools in regard to radios.

### **Old Business**

- A. COVID-19-No real updates for Black Hawk County. It was reported that Linn County government offices are having people wear masks. There is a new variant that is resistant to the COVID-19 vaccine.
- B. Drone Update- Sheriff Thompson briefed the commission on the tactical drone they are researching. The two mini drones are now resources for the Drone Team.
- C. Funding Options for 911 Communications-Sheriff Thompson updated the members present that they are examining next steps. They would like the county Finance Director, James to

meet with Johnson County representatives to discuss how they utilize the EMA levy. Currently not all of the County Board of Supervisors are on board with this funding option, but discussion is still underway. Sheriff Thompson stated he does feel this is the best way to obtain that funding piece for 911, but there is still some research to be accomplished. There is still some serious fact finding and education that will need to occur with Johnson County. It was suggested that we have a meeting here and anyone that can attend would be invited to join. The meeting would include Johnson County representatives. Sheriff Thompson will facilitate this meeting with Johnson County. It was suggested that this meeting be held during a Board of Supervisors meeting.

- D. EMA Notification Policy/Guidelines-Mindy presented this item to members present this document was update from when it was first passed in 2017. There were a few items that were removed due not needing EMA response or assistance on. Did meet with Judy Flores from 911 to review the document, there were a couple items that she would like re-worded such so they do not appear to be a requirement incase there is something that would prevent dispatch from being able to carry through with notifications. It was suggested by commission members that this document be a guideline that way there is some room for error. Mindy also agreed with this being a guideline so there can be some adaptations if needed. Motion by Hudson to approve the document as a guideline, second by Dunkerton, all ayes.

### **New Business**

- A. ICAP Grant-Mindy presented the idea of doing a weather radio program, where schools, churches, daycares, nonprofit organizations can apply for a free weather radio through the EMA office. ICAP has a \$1,000 grant that she can purchase weather radios on. Commission members stated they like the idea of this program and proceed with the grant, motion by Dunkerton second by Evansdale, all ayes.
- B. Emergency Support Functions 6, 10, 11 were emailed out to commission members for review. There were no questions or concerns on the 3 emergency support functions as presented. Motion for approval of Emergency Support Functions 6, 10, 11, by Hudson, second by Cedar Falls. All ayes.
- C. Emergency Support Function 8-Public Health and Medical was presented to the members, as well as a copy of the updates were emailed as well. Mindy worked with Black Hawk County Public Health on this document. There was one item within the ESF that needed to be researched and that was on whether or not the County has any ordinances that would provide Public Health to enforce health emergencies. Public Health stated they follow Iowa Code regarding public health emergencies. That verbiage was added to the document as well. Motion by Dunkerton to accept ESF 8, second by Board of Supervisor, all ayes.

### **Items for General Discussion**

Laura Benson had been in contact with Sheriff Thompson as well as Mindy in regard to trail safety. She would like to have some time to discuss her ideas and thoughts on this topic. Mindy had inquired with other Emergency Managers if they had any items in place such as Emergency Call Stations, or Cameras. No one across the state currently has that in place. Laura will be invited to the August meeting for further discussion.

**Motion to Adjourn Dunkerton, second by Evansdale. Aye. Next Meeting: August 18, 2022 @ 4PM**

