

EMA Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – November 29, 2021 – Commissioners Meeting Room

Meeting called to order

Attended by: Bill Morr, Terry Martin, Steve Engleking, Tracy Harker, Alicia Milliman, David Billows, Logan Ison, and Jessica Price.

Old Business

Bill Morr gave a District 3 Report.

Bill Morr updated on current grants.

- SHSP 2019 – Command Truck – Grant extended until August 31, 2022
- Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) - approved for half of EMA Director salary
- Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant approved (\$4,000) to send firefighters to Indiana Emergency Response Conference in 2022
- Watching for grants for additional equipment for fire and police as well as weather radios.

Terry Martin suggested that in the future we mandate firefighter participation in exercises/meetings before applying for grants for conferences, etc.

New Business

Bill Morr gave an update on the Command Truck project. The truck is at Michiana Millworks in Sturgis. It is moving along. Wiring guy quit and has been difficult to get that finished. Also working on mast. It will go up and down but not rotate. Mast vendor is in California so the time difference has made it difficult.

Bill Morr gave an update on plans that he is working on updating. Emergency Operations Plan, Active Shooter Plan for Schools, Civil Unrest Plan, Mass Casualty Plan, Emergency Animal Plan, and Event Ready Plans.

Jessica Price advised that Stop the Bleed Kits are at the Health Department. They will be training on them in January and then going to the schools.

Logan Ison advised that Parkview is looking into adding UHF towers in LaGrange County to strengthen that communication. He also said that the 800 mhz radio system is not going anywhere, this would just be an additional way to communicate.

Meeting dates for 2022 are: January 31, May 31, August 29, and October 31.

Tracy Harker made a motion to adjourn. Steve Engleking seconded the motion and it passed 8-0.