

Cass County EMA Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Herb Bowman.

PRESENT: Rocky Buffum, Alvin Beckman, Wally Bennett, Liz Troxell, Shawn Durham, Herb Bowman, Phil Rains, Randy Pryor

Approval of minutes was tabled due to lack of a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

GRANTS

Alvin reported we would be unable to secure additional MDT's and the portable light tower/generator from the BZPP Grant because they had not been purchased by March 31. We have \$3,200 available for EOC Interface Systems. Alvin is unsure what homeland security opportunities will be available in 2014 or how the federal government shutdown might affect them.

DISTRICT 4

EMA Directors will meet next week in Lafayette. IDHS is keeping ten districts but will be consolidating task forces. Task forces that are retained will be more specialized. District four will likely combine their task force with district five or seven.

NIMS

Changes are still in the works but have not been shared yet.

VEHICLE BIDS

A bid request has been distributed. The county needs to advertise for bids and the additional appropriation. The deadline to receive bids is October 31 for consideration at the November Commissioners Meeting.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Wally Bennett asked about rolling out the system to send fire department pages to phones. Alvin will check with Dan McDonald for an update.

Alvin reports all warning sirens are operational except for the one in Onward.

Randy Pryor asked about the status of the Emergency Operations Center. Alvin reported TV's and laptops are in place. Alvin reported furniture needs to be ordered.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW ADMIN ASST

Alvin reported Liz Troxell has been hired as a part time administrative assistant. Liz completed CERT Training at Logansport State Hospital and became involved with EMA through that program. She has been a volunteer for four years and has helped with weather spotting and community events. Liz has completed NIMS Training and is working on the FEMA Professional Development Series.