

**MEDINA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
EXECUTIVE BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2013**

Members Present:   Ralph Copley                      Brian Guccion                      Chief Painter  
                          Christina Fozio                      Chief Carl DeForest  
                          Martha Catherwood                Steve Hambley

The meeting started at 8:31am.

Vice Chair Brian Guccion will run the meeting in Conrad's absence.

A motion to approve the August 28, 2013 meeting minutes as written was made by Ralph Copley, seconded by Martha Catherwood and approved by the remaining members.

A motion to approve RESOLUTION 2013-017- EMA/TRT monthly operating bills – was made by Steve, seconded by Carl and approved by all members.

Christina updated the board:

- The FY2013 Homeland Security Grant was submitted on time. Ralph asked what projects were submitted-Christina said the intent of the grant was to improve on investments such as the Type II Hazmat Team. A mobile weather station, a 12-18' and 24'-36' flow stop, Planning dollars for a Threat and Risk Plan and a permanent EOC weather station were applied for. Discussion took place about planning dollars supporting existing personnel and that EMPG, which is the base grant for EMA's, will not go away in the foreseeable future.
- The first review for the Flood Mitigation Grant has been submitted to the state. Christina spoke to Montville Trustee Ron Bischoff about another property that had never called EMA before who has complained about flooding to the township. Christina sent the homeowner a voluntary buy-out form to possibly be added to the current grant however the Cost-to-benefit analysis did not look favorable to have that structure be included in the application. The state agency would address that with the homeowner and explain to him the reason for not being included. The homeowner did respond to the voluntary buy-out but sent a cover letter about potential litigation towards the township and county engineer and his offer to buy his property at his purchase price within 30 days was open to EMA. Christina called the homeowner and left a message that his stipulations could not be adhered to; there is a process that needs to take place; Christina asked him to call the office to speak further. Commission Hambley would like a copy of the letter the homeowner.
- Medina County EMA assisted Stark County last week with their Hazmat Incident. Shandra relieved their Deputy Director in their EOC.
- MCEMA will be attending the Medina County Health Department Apocalypse 5k Run Event on October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- There is an exercise design meeting today at 10:00am in the EOC to continue the design element of the LEPC combine exercise with Medina Hospital, Summa Wadsworth and the Hazmat Team scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The board approved Christina to attend a 36 hour Firefighter course in Bowling Green last year; she ended up on a waiting list and not attending so in lieu of that training she is attending a Fire1 class with Erhart which is much more robust than what the 36 hour would have provided. Guccion asked how many days a week it is-Christina said Monday

and Thursday nights with some Saturdays; those Saturdays will cover Hazmat Awareness/Operations and EVOC training. The board agreed with the training.

The board talked about the liability regarding CDL's and what the requirements are. It was discussed that responding to and coming from an emergency the driver is covered but going to a PR event they are not. Discussion was that this has been a point of issue for a few years and that the Hazmat and TRT teams should be CDL trained.

Martha said that Chief Potts was going thru his files preparing for his FY2014 budget and could not find a resolution that supported the creation of the Technical Rescue Team and was looking for the statutory authority for the All-Hazard Team. Chief Potts questioned the responder's liability while responding to a call for the team and if they would fall under the department liability while driving county equipment for example. Ralph said there were no documents signed by the political jurisdictions and nothing documented. The topic was brought up maybe 2 years ago but ended up going nowhere. Guccion feels that the jurisdictions should have something for the money they spend. Christina said that the team does have SOG's and that it seems this topic coming up again may allow the need for a resolution to move forward. Discussion among board members continued on what best ways to accomplish this might be and how appropriations' for the team are determined. Painter said that the Chief County MOU has expired but the team can be called out under the Ohio Fire Chiefs Plan.

A motion to adjourn was made by Guccion, seconded by Painter and approved by the remaining members at 9:30 am.