

**MEDINA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
EXECUTIVE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

February 23, 2022

Members Present

Ralph Copley Conrad Sarnowski
Carl Deforest Colleen Swedyk
Brian Guccion Larry Walters
Matt Hiscock Marty Warchola

Personnel

Christina Fozio
Ben Nau
Chuck Stiver

Conrad Sarnowski called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM.

Carl Deforest motioned to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2022, meeting; as seconded by Colleen Swedyk; and approved by all with Ralph Copley abstaining.

Carl Deforest motioned to approve the monthly bills as Resolution 2022-05; as seconded by Ralph Copley; and approved by all.

Resolution 2022-06 Declaring Certain Items as Excess Inventory for one aluminum boat lift that was left at 5834 Heather Hedge when the building was transferred to the County; Carl Deforest motioned to approve Resolution 2022-06; as seconded by Ralph Copley; and approved by all.

Resolution 2022-07 Accepting Transferred Property for a 1996 Ford F-350 from the Medina County Maintenance Department to EMA; Ralph Copley motioned to approve Resolution 2022-07; as seconded by Carl Deforest; and approved by all.

Chuck Stiver presented an AHAC Recommendation to the EMA Executive Board dated February 10, 2022, for the purchase of a rope rescue litter for \$2,400.00. Three quotes were received for the purchase. Carl Deforest motioned to approve the expenditure of \$2400.00 for a rescue litter; as seconded by Brian Guccion; and approved by all.

Water MOU – The MOU is to share personnel and equipment with Wooster Township’s Dive Team. The prosecutor’s office opinion is that EMA cannot enter

an agreement on behalf of the communities. Discussion took place for what next steps might be in working with the prosecutor's office.

AIA Contract – We are still waiting on the contract from the Medina County Prosecutor's Office for the Heather Hedge remodel.

City of Brunswick Donation – Carl Deforest presented that adding GPS functionality to the new water ROV would be beneficial to law enforcement for investigative purposes. Brunswick City Council approved a budget amendment of \$15,000 to their budget to add the GPS for the Water Team's ROV. The City of Brunswick will develop an agreement for the purchase. Summit County will take delivery of the ROV as this region's fiscal agent for the State Homeland Security Grant then they will transfer the ROV to Medina County. The group expressed thanks to the City of Brunswick.

Director Report

Christina reported that the Fire Chiefs Association met this month with their new leadership. They're bringing back sub-committees for purposes including to review the mass casualty/ mass fatality plan, and to review the county's Salamander accountability system.

The County approved \$125,000.00 for the sewer project. Colleen Swedyk shared that the bids came in a higher than expected so the Commissioner's increased the amount. They received three bids with the lowest being \$117,000.00.

Christina and Sheriff Grice have had recent conversations about a possible co-location of building space since EMA still has ongoing facility needs beyond what is currently available at Heather Hedge. Commissioner Swedyk said she was unfamiliar with additional building needs for EMA. Christina referenced past meetings where additional building needs were discussed to include the possibility of moving hazmat equipment from the Montville service garage. Board members also discussed the overall square footage needs referenced in the 2 Capital grant awards.

Carl Deforest motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 AM; as seconded Ralph Copley; and approved by all.

