

**MEDINA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
EXECUTIVE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 23rd, 2019**

Members Present:

Buck Adams
Ralph Copley
Michael Costello
Brian Guccion
Matt Hiscock
Bob Painter
Conrad Sarnowski
Brian Ohlin for
Carl Deforest

Personnel:

Christina Fozio
Ben Nau
Wally Sobczyk
Matt Sturgeon

Mr. Sarnowski called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

An opportunity for public comment was provided with no one presenting.

Mr. Guccion motioned to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2019 meeting, as seconded by Mr. Painter, and approved.

Mr. Copley motioned to approve the bills as Resolution 2019-18, as seconded by Mr. Guccion, and approved.

A draft of the 2020 budget was distributed. Director Fozio commented that additions to the new budget include line items for the UAV team and EMA volunteer teams. WENS is also due for renewal in 2020, and that amount will be amended when the cost is known. Cost allocations were not increased for 2020, which she said was not needed because of our pursuit of supplemental Emergency Management Performance Grant awards. Mr. Nau noted that bills will not be paid from the 0250 fund in 2020 and that the line item amounts in the rest of the budget are close to the amounts from 2019.

Director Fozio reported that Claudia Judele began her new job at Medina County Juvenile Detention Center. She will still work as an EMA employee about one day a week.

Chief Ohlin informed the board that the City of Brunswick is now on MARCS. They have requested a local programming key so they can program radios for local users. Since there are multiple keys for different manufacturers, Chief Ohlin requested that EMA serve as the point of contact for the keys. Director Fozio agreed to this. Mr. Sarnowski signed an agreement with

MARCS as the board chairman, indicating that Medina County EMA accepts to serve as the point of contact for the license keys.

Mr. Guccion followed up on the status of the law enforcement officers being on-boarded to the water team. Chief Haas said they are presently training with the team. They will need to pass the swim test before buying them gear will be considered.

Chief Haas described the status of the MARCS grant from the Ohio Fire Marshal's Office. The Medina County Fire Chiefs Association is working on getting every eligible department in the county to apply. The grant offers up to \$50,000 per department for end-user equipment and two years of MARC service. Chief Ohlin said that Brunswick PD presently can dispatch on MARCS, and they would talk to any department who was interested in the service. Chief Ohlin added that paying the monthly fee for radio service made more sense to him than paying to own a system. He further added end-user equipment that is currently being used on the Harris system could also be used on MARCS as well as some of the Harris system infrastructure. Wayne County and Stark County both integrated existing infrastructure to switch to MARCS.

The next two meetings will be held on November 20th and December 18th due to the holidays.

Mr. Copley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 AM, as seconded by Mr. Painter and approved.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'C. L.', is located below the text of the meeting adjournment.