

**MEDINA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
EXECUTIVE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2017**

Present:

Buck Adams
Ralph Copley
Mike Costello
Carl Deforest
Conrad Sarnowski

Bob Painter
Christina Fozio
Matt Sturgeon
Ben Nau

Guests:

Jim Baird
Rob Haas

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

Sarnowski provided an opportunity for public comment, and no one presented.

Deforest motioned to approve the minutes with two clarifications presented by Fozio; Fozio worked with Scott Miller to reduce the 2016 indirect cost bill, not the 2014, and the reduced indirect costs amount of \$14,500 was actually paid to the Montville Service Center capital fund. Motion seconded by Copley, and passed with Costello abstaining.

Deforest motioned to approve the monthly operating bills as Resolution 2017-016, seconded by Copley, and approved.

Copley motioned to approve Resolution 2017-017 transferring \$466.67 from 7927-1202-0580 to 7927-1202-0560, seconded by Deforest, and approved.

Nau presented two All-Hazards Team purchases, which were agreed upon at the last All-Hazards Advisory Board meeting. The first is for twelve sets of tower lanyards and five rope bags for the rope team at a cost of \$2803.00. Three quotes have been obtained. \$3000 will be enough for the equipment and shipping.



Costello motioned to approve up to \$3000 for equipment for the rope rescue team, seconded by Painter, and approved.

The second request is for rope equipment for the water team including throw bags, pulleys, anchor straps, ropes, and bags. The estimated equipment cost will be \$4456.27 not including shipping. \$4700 will be enough to include shipping. Copley motioned to approve the request for the water team equipment for \$4700, seconded by Painter, and approved.

Fozio updated the Board that the trailer from Region 5 has been transferred and it's under the Commissioners ownership for us to use.

Fozio discussed the indirect costs bill. It's unlikely to go away and obviously the money is going to keep increasing. She said this year when we increased the cost allocations to the communities by \$3000 and the commissioners' cost allocation also increased, instead of increasing the overall dollar amount that they give us, they reduced the amount they provide for LEPC. So instead of giving a little over \$11,000, they provided a little under \$10,000 to cover what the EMA cost increase was to them. If we keep increasing our EMA cost allocation, and they keep reducing LEPC, we're going to end up with no money for LEPC. She's currently writing the Commissioners a letter requesting that they support the LEPC with their original commitment of \$25,000 and if they keep giving us the indirect costs she won't know quite how to handle that next year, but she wants to ensure that LEPC is funded. LEPC belongs to the Commissioners and there is an agreement that EMA will administer it on behalf of the Commissioners. They are essentially defunding their own department. She wants the Commissioners to be aware of that this year. She is anticipating on asking some of the Executive Board members for help in drafting her letter.

Adams said that LEPC was originally assigned to EMA because it made sense. They gave us \$25,000 a year, plus the grant, and out of the \$25,000 EMA would administer equipment and related costs for the hazmat team. The LEPC was cut around the late 90's to early 2000's when everybody's budget was being cut. Now everybody else's budget has been restored and LEPC has not been restored. EMA continues to subsidize the extra costs. The allocations were originally laid out so 75% of the costs were EMA and 25% of the cost were charged to LEPC.

Fozio said that she has not read the whole Maximus report, but she suspects that the LEPC costs are nominal and the EMA costs are increased. She proposes to change the discussion about indirect costs to telling them to fund LEPC back to what the normal dollar amount was. Indirect costs thereafter could be a discussion. There's two different things going on, as we go back and forth with indirect costs, we will continue to lose money with LEPC.

Sarnowski questions if we could return the indirect cost bill with a request to return LEPC to original funding.

Copley suggested finding the original Commissioners' resolution establishing the commitment for \$25,000 a year. He advised that in 1988 when they started this they had lengthy discussions about how everything was going to be funded. There was a resolution passed by the Commissioners. That is why he asked Fredrick at the last meeting what the indirect costs are doing for us.

Fozio and Adams briefly mentioned that the health department also receives an indirect cost bill, which their board does not pay.

Copley said that he is in the opinion that we don't do anything until Friedrich brings back what we're asking for. Fozio said she is in the opinion that we don't

do anything either. Fozio brought up that the August meeting minutes said that Friedrich said she should talk to Scott Miller on the topic. Copley confirmed that was said. Copley reflected that it was also discussed that Friedrich was going to check into it also.

Fozio questioned that based on the discussion if it was still a good idea to write a letter. Copley and Sarnowski verbally indicated that it was. Copley said to find the documents first.

Sarnowski called for a motioned to adjourn at 8:20 AM. Motioned by Copley, seconded by Deforest, and passed.