

**MEDINA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
EXECUTIVE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 27, 2022**

<u>Members Present</u>		<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Ralph Copley	Conrad Sarnowski	Christina Fozio	Jerry Winkler
Carl Deforest	Colleen Swedyk	Ben Nau	
Brian Guccion	Larry Walters	Chuck Stiver	
Matt Hiscock	Marty Warchola	Matt Sturgeon	

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

An opportunity for public comment was given and no one presented.

Carl Deforest motioned to approve the minutes as presented with the addition of the adjournment time, Colleen Swedyk seconded the motion, and approved with Ralph Copley and Brian Guccion abstaining.

Carl Deforest motioned to approve the monthly bills as Resolution 2022-016, as seconded by Ralph Copley, and approved by all.

Christina presented Resolution 2022-017 Declaring Certain Items as Excess Inventory. Carl Deforest motioned to approve Resolution 2022-017, as seconded by Brian Guccion, and approved by all.

Matt Sturgeon presented Resolution 2022-018 Appropriation Transfer, transferring \$732.00 within the All-Hazards Fund from the Travel account to the Hazmat Equipment Account. The purpose of the transfer is to replace hazmat meter sensors. Carl Deforest motioned to approve Resolution 2022-018, as seconded by Brian Guccion, and approved by all.

Christina reported that EMA is involved in County efforts to plan for the 2024 Solar Eclipse. It is predicted that the population of the area will double at the time of the eclipse. Christina showed a guidance that she's using, "Community Eclipse Planning" by Dr. Kate Russo.

Ben presented a comparison of radio contract proposals from Cuyahoga Valley Radio Dispatch Shop and Cleveland Communications. Cleveland Communications was less expensive, and Cuyahoga Valley Radio Dispatch Shop offered unlimited programming. Cuyahoga Valley Radio Dispatch Radio Shop is a government office

in Cuyahoga County. EMA has used Cuyahoga Valley's camera trailers for the Medina County Fair, and Ben has accompanied them for an exercise. The groups discussed that unlimited programming was an advantage in choosing Cuyahoga Valley Radio Dispatch Shop. Cal Deforest motioned to spend \$2184.00 with Cuyahoga Valley Radio Dispatch Shop, as seconded by Ralph Copley, and approved by all.

Christina discussed a letter from the Village Solicitor of the Village of Chippewa Lake dated July 26, 2022 notifying EMA that Council of the Village of Chippewa Lake considers the outdoor warning siren at 5834 Heather Hedge Drive to be a danger to the community since it does not function properly. The letter has been forwarded to Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Mike Lyons. Christina discussed that the siren be taken out of service entirely since it's an old, converted fire siren and it is unfit for use as a tornado siren. The siren has one-way communication so its status cannot be monitored by MCSO Dispatch. Also, 5834 Heather Hedge Dr. may not be the optimal location for a replacement siren.

Christina passed around the first set of architectural drawings from WMF. The drawings showed five different floor plan options for the area of the Station that is to be renovated.

Chuck Stiver presented Resolution 2022-19 Accepting Trailer from Erhart FD/ York Township. They are offering to donate a tandem axle trailer to the All-Hazards Team for use by Fire Investigation Unit, pending approval by the York Township Trustees at their Thursday, July 28, 2022, meeting. This will help the FIU work to the newest NFPA standards, which require more equipment. The trailer will need cleaned, decaled, and new tires. We will add a water source for hand washing. Carl Deforest motioned to approve Resolution 2022-019, based on the donation being approved on Thursday evening or a subsequent date, as seconded by Larry Walters, and approved by all.

Chuck discussed that the All-Hazards Team will consider truck and equipment placement. They may make some changes. Brian Guccion asked what personal protective equipment the FIU uses. They use their home department gear, and they are adding PPE with the 2023 budget to bring FIU up to NFPA standards.

Carl Deforest motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 AM, as seconded by Ralph Copley, and approved by all.