

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

September 23, 2020

LOCATION: MONTVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT 6665 WADSWORTH RD. MEDINA, OH

Members Present:	Personnel:	Guests:
Bill Hutson	Conrad Sarnowski	Christina Fozio
Michael Costello	Colleen Swedyk	Ben Nau
Carl Deforest	Brian Guccion	Matt Sturgeon
	Wally Sobczyk	Rob Haas

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

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

Carl Deforest motioned to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2020 meeting, as seconded by Michael Costello, and approved by all.

Carl Deforest motioned to approve the bills as Resolution 2020-017, as seconded by Colleen Swedyk, and approved by all.

Ben Nau presented a Recommendation to the EMA Executive Board to purchase five sets of all-weather gear for distribution among the team leaders. **Carl Deforest motioned to approve the All-Hazards Team purchase of Carhart all-weather gear for \$1,100.00, as seconded by Michael Costello, and approved by all.**

Ben Nau presented a Recommendation to the EMA Executive Board to purchase hazmat equipment. The requested equipment is needed to be a type 2 team. **Carl Deforest motioned to approve the All-Hazards Team purchase for sulfur dioxide kits, Silver Shield gloves, polar absorbent pads/ booms, chlorine meter calibration gas, chemical neutralizer, and absorbent for \$3,908.17, as seconded by Bill Hutson, and approved by all.**

Christina Fozio distributed the 2021 draft budget. She described it includes an increase for cost allocations, which have been the same for the past few years. All-Hazards funding is also increased based on an increased per capita rate and an estimated additional 20,000 county residents since the last census. This estimate was made because the 2020 Census data is not available yet. Rob Haas added that the All-Hazards Team is still building out the water team and the UAV team. Christina described that some of the hazmat items in the budget could be grant funded since they will qualify as a type 2 team now. Brian Guccion asked if the teams are filled out, to which Rob Haas said the structural collapse team needs personnel. Ben added that the hazmat team is doing well with the addition of the new people from the last technician class. The drone team has about 8 members and there are about 8 more studying for their FAA Part



107. The fire investigation team needs some additional members. Christina further described that the budget notes includes information about how the operating budget changed from last year.

Director's Report

Christina Fozio reported that EMA submitted three mitigation grant pre-applications including projects for a high watermark campaign, comprehensive plan development, and countywide utility mapping.

Medina County EMA submitted to the State to house a regional PPE warehousing site. Christina applied to the county for CARES funding for a tow motor, which will be needed since we currently borrow Montville Township's. She also reached out for a donation of pallet racking.

The State is still working on helping schools and boards of elections with PPE needs. Walmart is contributing their distribution system to help to state distribute PPE to the boards of elections.

Christina Fozio told the Executive Board that EMA has been offered the Chippewa Fire Station as a donation. She said it could be used to house mobile command and other equipment. The \$400,000 capital bond grant money as well as the \$100,000 from Nexus will be used to improve the facility. Christina also submitted a pre-application for a tornado saferoom grant to improve the restrooms. Operating expenses for this building are included in the draft 2021 budget. Bill Hutson stated the possibility for additional CARES funding as an additional funding source. He suggested gathering quotes right away to meet deadlines.

Michael Costello expanded on Christina's statement that Lafayette Township's new centrally located station allows for significantly better response times and better facilities. Michael Costello, as a member of the Lafayette Township Board of Trustees, asked the Executive Board if EMA is willing to accept the building. **Chairman Conrad Sarnowski stated the EMA Executive Board's consensus to accept the building.** The EMA Board will pass a resolution to accept the building after the Lafayette Township Board of Trustees formally resolves to transfer the building.

Bill Hutson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 AM, as seconded by Conrad Sarnowski, and approved by all.