

GRANT COUNTY EMERGENCY DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
GRANT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER  
Lancaster, WI 53813  
August 12, 2013

The Grant County Emergency Disaster Services Committee was called to order August 12, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. by Vice Chairman John Beinborn. The following members and personnel were present:

EMERGENCY DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE: Pat Schroeder, Lester Jantzen, Bob Scallon, Vince Loeffelholz and John Patcle.

GUESTS: Chief Deputy Jack Johnson, Kelly Bird, Grant County Sheriff's Department; Ron Sturmer, Grant County Coroner's Office; Steve Braun, Emergency Government; and Tonya White, Recording Secretary.

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Steve Braun verified the agenda had been posted and was on the Grant County website. Lester seconded by Vince approved the agenda as mailed. Bob seconded by Lester approved the minutes. The bills were approved by Vince and Seconded by Lester. All above motions carried.

There are no Public Comments to discuss at this time.

Under the Director's Report Steve discussed the FEMA Public Assistance request. FEMA came to Grant County shortly after last month's meeting to conduct a Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) to determine eligibility for federal disaster aid. FEMA toured the damaged areas and verified the damage with Township Officials. They did announce Thursday that Grant County along with other counties has received a federal disaster declaration for Public Assistance (roads, bridges, public facilities and emergency response costs) FEMA will cover 75%, the state 12 ½%, and local municipalities the remaining 12 ½%. Wednesday, August 14, 2013, there will be a kick off and applicants briefing meeting with affected communities to introduce local officials to the FEMA process. At that time FEMA will assign a project manager. The FEMA project manager will more than likely have an office in Boscobel possibly at Boscobel City Hall. Steve passed out the most current damage assessment figures, which were determined in conjunction with FEMA staff during the PDA. The total identified public damage is more than \$3.5 Million.

Also under Old Business Steve discussed the CDBG-EAP Program. The grant application is in and pending with the state. Grant County's application was for \$500,000. The City of Boscobel is also putting in an application for \$500,000. The money awarded will be used for families to help make damaged homes safe, sanitary and habitable. It is an income-based program and not all residents will qualify. Steve also spoke about the case manager who is being provided and funded by VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster). Her job for the next 6 months will be working with the families most affected by the flooding. There will be a lot of people who will have unmet needs and it will be the case managers responsibility to help with finding funding through other programs. A Long-Term Recovery Committee has been established in Boscobel and has procured more than \$45,000 in funding to date to assist families. Much of this funding will likely be used to assist families that are not eligible for the CDBG-EAP program.

Volunteers in Mission will be coming to Boscobel in September for a week to rebuild at least one home that was nearly destroyed in the flood. LUAD (Lutherans United, Assisting After Disaster)

has been working for two months helping people tear out drywall and clean up after the flooding. LUAD has given a substantial amount of money to help pay for displaced families rental units. They also gave monetary donations for an elderly female with medical issues to purchase an air conditioner and an elderly couple a water heater. A donation center is still open and being used quite frequently at the Tuffley Center, with clothing and household goods available.

Also under Old Business Steve discussed the AFG grant-Communications Upgrades. There are still major issues with the radio system. Steve would like to hold off on sending out an RFP until we can pinpoint what the issue is, the solution to the issue and the cost associated. Steve is working very closely with Jack and Chris on the radio issues. This week the State Patrol and Comelec will have engineers here working trying to figure out what is causing the problems. Steve would feel more comfortable waiting to do an RFP until the other issues are at least identified, and may then be able to be incorporated into the upgrade project.

Under New Business on the agenda were 2014 Technology and Public Property Requests. Steve noted that he will not be submitting a Public Property or Technology request this year, but noted the department will need to seek a budget increase to address a deficit that has existed for several years.

It was motioned by Lester and seconded by John B. to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya White, Recording Secretary