

GRANT COUNTY EMERGENCY DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
GRANT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Lancaster, WI 53813

February 10, 2014

The Grant County Emergency Disaster Services Committee was called to order February 10, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Larry Wolf. The following members and personnel were present:

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

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

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Steve Braun verified the revised agenda had been posted at the County Clerk's Office and Courthouse by Linda Gebhard and it was posted on the county website. John B. second by Lester approved the agenda. Vince second by Bob approved the minutes. Vince second by Bob approved the November, December and January bills. All above motions carried.

Under Public Comments, Steve spoke about the propane shortage. The State of Wisconsin put out a news release saying to call your local Emergency Management Office for assistance. We have had a few phone calls. We have been working with Social Services for the heating assistance.

Under Old Business Steve talked about the EAP news article that was published in the Boscobel Dial. Dale Klemme made several valid comments about the CDBG-EAP program. Income guidelines and rules have changed from past EAP programs that Grant County has been involved in. We have been helping those families with immediate needs like furnaces and water heaters. Applications are still being accepted. There are a few different pools that money can come from so we made it easy on the applicant and only did one application for both programs. There is some grey area in the EAP that is making it difficult to decipher who will be in the EAP program. A portion of the donated funding has been disbursed, but until we have a solid handle on who will qualify for EAP funding, the LTRC can't really disburse donated funds. The donated funds are designated to assist individuals and families who can't be helped by the EAP program.

Also under Old Business Steve spoke about the FEMA Public Assistance. Things are moving along. Our office has been getting about five to six checks a week. The office in Boscobel is closed but there are still FEMA workers in Madison at the Joint Field Office. There are a few towns that have not received money yet. Many of the towns were satisfied with what was determined by FEMA however there continue to be issues/concerns on a daily basis.

Regarding the AFG Simulcasting Grant the project was put out for proposal. There were two bids that were received, one was from Comelec and the other was from General Communications. General Communications was over the funding limits. Comelec was within budget and had proposed optional extras. There is a wait, to see if FEMA will allow for us to do the extras Comelec is proposing.

The AmeriCorps volunteer has just started. His name is Eric Fatzinger from Platteville. He is a retired Colonel with the Army. He has started setting up appointments with groups to do presentations. He has two goals while he is here and one is to promote emergency preparedness and the other is to build volunteerism in Grant County.

Under 2013-2014 FEMA AFG Grants Steve passed out a list of the grant applicants. Our office did get all the applications done that we were asked to do. We did three regional grants. The Communications Grant will need to go to the full county board since the county will have to match the amount. John B. second by Lester made a motion to have Montfort Fire Department sponsor the communications grant and send it to the full county board for approval. All moved.

Under New Business Steve spoke about the HMPG Mitigation Application. The pre-application has been turned in and is being considered. The property is located in the Village of Patch Grove. The house filled with water two nights in a row. The family has relocated to Bagley. The Village would like to partner with the County to purchase the damaged property. After the purchase, the house would be torn down and the land filled with gravel. The Village is willing to take over the property. Pat would like something in writing from the Village before going forward with this project. The damaged property is valued around \$20,000 to \$25,000 and with tear down costs and relocation fees the project would be about \$60,000 which is grant funded. Pat would like some input from the Highway Department before going forward. Steve will talk with the village and the Highway Department about both of these issues. John B. made a motion second by Vince to approve the application and send in contingent on what the outcome of the two issues are. Motion carried with Pat voting no.

It was motioned by John B. and seconded by Lester to adjourn **to March 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya White, Recording Secretary