

GRANT COUNTY EMERGENCY DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
GRANT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER
Lancaster, WI 53813
August 11, 2014

The Grant County Emergency Disaster's Services was called to order August 11, 2014. At 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Bob Keeney. The following members and personnel were present:

EMERGENCY DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE: Gary Ranum, Lester Jantzen, Larry Wolf, John Patcle, Bob Scallon, and Pat Schroeder.

GUESTS: Grant County Coroner Ron Sturmer, Kelly Bird, Grant County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Nate Dreckman, Grant County Sheriff's Office, Captain Tony Sheckles, Grant County Sheriff's Office, David Timmerman, Grant County Herald Independent, Steve Braun, Emergency Government and Tonya White, Recording Secretary.

Steve Braun verified the agenda has been posted by Linda Gebhard and it was posted on the county website. Lester second by Pat approved the agenda. John second by Gary approved the minutes. Larry second by Lester approved the bills. All above motions carried.

Public Comment: Pat asked if it would be possible to receive the bills before the meeting. The bills, agenda and minutes will be sent via email to Bob K., Pat, Lester, Gary and Larry. Bob S. and John would prefer the bills, minutes and agenda sent via mail.

Under Director's Monthly Report Steve spoke about helping in Boscobel last weekend with the civil war reenactment. We support the weekend by taking radios, tents and other equipment there for the 20+ medical personnel that work on the grounds for the weekend. Participating in the event gives us the opportunity to test our equipment to make sure it is all working properly.

Steve mentioned that he's gotten an indication that the Muscoda Fire Department will likely be receiving an Assistance to Firefighters Grant for firefighting equipment. An official announcement should come out soon.

Under Old Business Steve spoke briefly about the 2013 June flooding event. We are still working to assist Townships with paperwork. Tonya will be meeting with Hickory Grove Township and a member from the State to help go through paperwork for their large project. Steve has also been talking with the State Department of Administration about acquiring the property in Patch Grove. It sounds like they are going to give the authority to purchase that property using our existing EAP funds. This is preferable to using funds from FEMA because it is a simpler process and more appropriate for the scope of this project.

Also under Old Business Steve gave an update on the grant-funded communications upgrades he is working on with the Sheriff's Office. The project is moving forward and they have been doing a lot of work replacing coax cable on the towers. The amendment has been approved so they can move forward with the next phase of the project. Chris is working with the State Patrol trying to push not to do the study for the Happy Corners tower site. There will also be a new site on the Fennimore water tower that will provide better coverage to the Fennimore, Castle Rock, Livingston, Montfort and Mount Hope areas.

Steve also gave an update on the 2014 June Weather events that hit the county. He will be meeting with the Building Platteville committee tonight regarding the Platteville Tornado Relief Fund. They will be looking through some of the applications and helping the committee set up criteria for distribution. The applications for this funding are due September 1. Funding has already been distributed to a few families with urgent needs such as housing and necessary furniture. Steve has also been discussing with the State being able to roll over the left over EAP funds from the flooding last year to assist some families that were affected with the Platteville tornado. Last week the State said they would not allow that. Now we will have to evaluate if there is a need to support a new application, which is a considerable and lengthy undertaking. Steve feels that there are only a handful of families that would qualify for these funds; probably not enough to justify a new application. Platteville does have a CDBG loan fund that they could use. If it is decided to put in an EAP application Steve would need full county board approval and he would like to see it be a county application. Steve feels it is best for right now if himself, Bob K. and Dale keep working with the state to see if we can get them to reconsider using our existing funding. Everyone was in agreement to have Steve, Bob K. and Dale keep pushing for the rollover funds.

Under New Business Steve said that he would not be submitting anything for a public property request. Steve feels that most of our equipment and computer needs can be met through grants.

It was motioned by Pat second by Lester to adjourn to September 8, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya White, Recording Secretary