

GRANT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
GRANT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER
July 13, 2009

The Grant County Emergency Management/Disaster Services Committee was called to order July 13 at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman John Patcle. The following members and personnel were present:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE: Tony Runde, Robert Keeney, Larry Wolf, Rodney Johnson, Robert Scallon

Others: Sheriff Keith Govier, Coroner Ronald Sturmer, Kelly Bird, Steve Braun, Emergency Management, Julie Loeffelholz, Recording Secretary.

Motion by Larry, Second by Rodney, verified that the meeting had been posted in accordance with the open-meeting law. Motion carried. Motion by Pat, Second by Tony to accept the agenda as posted. Motion carried. Motion by Rodney, Second by Robert Keeney to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried. Motion by Pat, Second by Rodney to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Director's Monthly Report: Steve passed photos of the new truck Bloomington received as part of a FEMA Fire Grant. It is not yet in service. They are putting equipment on it yet and need to do some additional training. They brought it to the County Fire meeting in Bagley to show it to those assembled.

Fire Station grants were due last Friday. The only community who applied was Cassville. This was at the request of Village President Keevin Williams. Steve work with Delta 3 to complete the narrative for the grant application. Steve feels that chances are very slim that Cassville will be awarded a new facility, since the program appears to be inherently biased towards larger communities with higher call volumes.

Mitigation projects are moving along. The state has tentatively approved all 5 applications that we submitted. They have been sent onto FEMA for approval. We sent them in as two separate applications and the State combined them into one package. We will have to wait for 3-4 weeks before we hear anything. Steve hopes to have news to report next month. Spring Green and Janesville were the latest communities to receive buyout monies.

The UWP Intern has started with our office. He is working on getting the new equipment into the Mass Casualty trailers and then they will be taken back to Fennimore, Hazel Green and Platteville. He is also assisting with Planning and other tasks around the office.

Question about the Beetown NRCS project. Steve is working on getting another round of specs. out and hopes to have them published in the paper in the next few days.

Old Business: None. New Business: Steve gave a report on the damages that were done June 18-19 from the heavy rains received in the northern part of the county. Only Fennimore and Mt. Ida Townships reported significant damages. Mt. Ida had approximately \$100,000 especially on Star Lane which was impassible. Fennimore Township lost a bridge on Breezy Hill Rd. It was undercut by the water. Estimates of damage there are at \$300,000. Dave Lambert is working with them to determine if the bridge can be saved. We are planning to apply for funding from the Wisconsin Disaster Fund. All municipalities were contacted after the storms and no others had damages significant enough to warrant their inclusion in the application. The state is uncertain how much money is in the fund at this time, due to pending requests. It sounds like seven other requests are waiting funding. It could take up to 6 months before we know if our request will receive consideration. Question: What is the municipality supposed to do in the mean time? Steve replied that they should begin necessary repairs and keep invoices and document work done and the hours used. Question: Why aren't some of the drainage tubes kept maintained. Steve replied that often times it happens due to a lack of manpower or funding. Clogged or improperly maintained tubes can definitely contribute to flood damage. Question: Has anything been done in Bagley to prevent the event from 2007? Steve told them that the most-needed project involving clearing the drainage channel between the railroad and the river has not been completed, but that more CDBG money will be announced in the near future and he intends to approach the Village again about applying for funding. Several grant opportunities have already come and gone and the Village has not acted. This is in part because of litigation pending against the railroad and the village's position that the railroad is ultimately responsible for maintaining this channel, which is a manmade ditch constructed by the railroad many years ago.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Robert Scallon, Second by Tony to adjourn until Monday, August 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Grant County Law Enforcement Center. Motion carried.