

EMA Committee

Minutes

July 24, 2019

The EMA Committee of the Piatt County Board met on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 104 of the Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray Spencer. Attending were: Spencer, Renee Fruendt, Dale Lattz, Randy Shumard, Mike Holmes, Jennifer Harper, Debbie Marshall and Keri Nusbaum.

Directors Update

Holmes told the committee he is working on the ILCAT, the Hazmat plan, and updating MOUs.

Increase of credit card limit

The current credit card limit is \$2000. The EMA and the County Board must be able to support citizens for the first 24 hours of an emergency before region and state resources kick in. The issue came to light when White Heath water was not available, and there were already items on the credit card. If Mike had the need to buy water, he didn't have the spending power to do so. He has submitted a grant request for \$22,000 for equipment and training. He has a credit card which was issued to him with the established limit when the EMA was under the Sheriff's oversight. Shumard asked if \$5000 would be adequate in an emergency, and if the credit card would be kept at the courthouse until an emergency occurred. There is just one card which Holmes would use for all purposes including emergencies. GSA accepts only state and local credit cards for payment. Harper said when the current credit card bill comes in, it is all on one statement, broken down by individual cards. Holmes said ultimately the County board and the Chairman of the County board is responsible for emergency expenses. Debbie Marshall said the county would be negligent to allow charges to be made on a credit card when the county does not have the resources to cover them. Spencer attended an ICS training session which explained the county responsibility to the citizens. Lattz said if there was a disaster, he felt most vendors would bill the county, and a credit card would not be required. He reiterated that there is a budget problem. Shumard asked if there could be two cards, one for emergencies only.

Motion: Spencer made motion to increase the credit card limit to \$5,000. There was no second.

Spencer- "If you're really not going to support Mike, I'm not sure you should be on this committee". Lattz -"That's fine with me I will resign and you can get someone else". Fruendt- "That's fine with me too".

Spencer directed that the minutes reflect that Dale and Renee will resign from the committee.

Public Comments: Following up on the June meeting, Fruendt has contacted Landon at Chapin Rose' office to inquire about funding for and EMA vehicle. There are no funds available at this time, but the jail, mental health, and the courthouse are on his wish list for capital bill funding.

Shumard asked how the old EMA vehicle will be disposed of. All of the radios and equipment need to be removed before it can be disposed of.

MOTION: Spencer made motion, seconded by Fruendt to adjourn. All in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Nusbaum
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