

EMA Committee

Minutes

September 4, 2020

The EMA Committee of the Piatt County Board met on Friday, September 4, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 104 of the Courthouse, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray Spencer.

Attending were: Spencer and Shannon Carroll.

Also in attendance were Mike Holmes, Randy Shumard, Dale Lattz, Jennifer Harper, Sheriff Hunt. Members of the public in attendance were representatives of the Edgar County Watchdogs, Lee Holmes, Lyndsay Jones and Sandy Smith.

Motion: Shannon Carroll made motion, seconded by Ray Spencer to approve the minutes as written of the August 19, 2020 meeting. On voice vote, all in favor and the motion carried.

Claims approval

Committee members reviewed the claims. Membership fees for the National IMT was discussed, and how it would work if Holmes was called for that duty, including travel costs, etc. The Facebook ads were discussed. The ads appear to be tied to the account of Smedley Butler. Holmes said it is the only way to do it. Hunt said he has a lack of confidence about if this is a personal cost or a county cost. This will be the last month of the Facebook campaign.

Microsoft G3 license claim is for EMA, SA, 911, Maintenance and 3 county board members for one year. Other departments will need to pay their portion or reimburse EMA.

Motion: Carroll made motion, seconded by Spencer to approve the claims. Roll was called, all in favor, and the motion carried.

Directors report

Mike Holmes gave his report. A copy of his report is attached to these minutes. Carroll asked about reimbursements. Is the portal set up to track the payments? Holmes will submit and he has the access to the portal. Carroll asked if anyone else has access. Only Holmes has access to the information. Carroll said it is important that someone from the county can see how much money is received and when it is received.

Public Comment

Sandy Smith voiced concerns about the Facebook identity of Smedley Butler being Director Mike Holmes. She noted that many of the posts of Smedley Butler, Holmes, Rhoades and Dobson have been taken down now. She is offended by the behavior and posts of county officials Holmes, Rhoades, Dobson, and Shumard. She is tired of the chaos in Piatt County.

Mr. Kraft from Watchdogs commented about board compensation.

Mr. Allen from Watchdogs commented about board compensation and education.

Lee Holmes commented about Mike Holmes abilities for the job. He feels that Holmes needs an assistant and to be paid better. He stated he is speaking as a taxpayer, not as Mike's father.

Motion: Carroll made motion, seconded by Spencer to adjourn. On voice vote all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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