

EMERGENCY READINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 22, 2022

The Emergency Readiness Committee met in the County Board Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert Allen.

Members Present:

Robert Allen, Chairman
C. Rick Vernier
Ken Easterley
Susan Gruberman
Jana A. Moll
Robert Trentman

Members Absent

Willie Dancy

Others Present:

Mark Kern, Chairman
Lonnie Mosley, County Board
Ken Sharkey, County Board

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no Public Comments or Questions asked at this Meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Gruberman and seconded by Ms. Moll to approve the Minutes from the July 11, 2022 meeting. Motion passed.

Director Simmons presented the monthly EMA report. Additional information presented stated that the new County siren plan report should be available September 30th. FEMA has done assessments with a decision to be made on August 26th, but an extension was applied and currently awaiting a signature from the Governor. It was stated there was roughly \$4.8 million in damages throughout the County during the flood. Families are eligible for SBA loans to help assist. ATTACHED IS A COPY OF THE EMA REPORT.

A motion was made by Mr. Easterley and seconded by Ms. Gruberman to approve the EMA report. Motion passed.

Upon no further business, motion was made by Ms. Moll and seconded by Mr. Easterley to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Allen, Chairman
Emergency Readiness Committee

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Report of Activities Emergency Readiness / Public Safety Committee July 2022 / August 2022

1. All monthly radio tests were conducted, and no problems were noted.
2. Monthly tests of the outdoor warning sirens were completed with no new reported problems.
3. Continue to attend the monthly Hospital/EMS COVID 19 Conference Calls
4. Attend the weekly Conference call with IEMA Director regarding COVID-19
5. Attended the Monthly Starcom 21 Committee Meeting
6. Conducted monthly informational briefing on Facebook.
7. Attended the STARRS Board Meeting.
8. Attended the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee Meeting.
9. Attended the Statewide 9-1-1 Next Generation 9-1-1 planning meeting.
10. Attended meeting of the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board.
11. Attended the Illinois Terrorism Task Force Emergency Management Sub Committee Meeting.
12. Attended statewide mental health planning meeting.
13. Attended the monthly meeting of the St. Clair Special Emergency Services.
14. St. Clair County was impacted by devastating flooding on July 26, 2022. A county and state Disaster Declaration were issued.
 - a. More than 60 animals had to be evacuated from Animal Control as facility was overrun with water.
 - b. More than 90 water rescues had to take place due to vehicles being stranded in flood waters and people being stranded in their homes.
 - c. Caseyville Nursing and Rehab Center had to evacuate their facility to due flooding. 85 patients were temporarily moved to Caseyville Community Center and then placed in other facilities throughout the county.
 - d. Gateway Foundation In-Patient Rehab Center had to be evacuated due to flooding and 41 patients were temporarily moved to a local church and they to other treatment centers throughout the state.
 - e. Shelters were opened in Caseyville and East St Louis to assist and care for displaced residents.
 - f. A Multi Agency Resource Center was established in East St Louis and served 498 families.
 - g. A Small Business Administration Loan program was applied for an is pending.