

EMERGENCY READINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2023

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

Members Present:

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

Members Absent

Others Present:

Mark Kern, County Board Chairman
Herb Simmons, Director 911/EMA
Brian Donley, Chief Deputy

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Easterley and seconded by Mrs. Moll to approve the Minutes from the February 21, 2023 meeting. Motion passed.

The monthly EMA report was distributed to members to review.

A motion was made by Mrs. Moll and seconded by Mr. Scott to approve the EMA report. Motion passed.

Brian Donley reported on Emergency Response regarding the Train Department. An incident regarding a train derailment occurred in East Palestine, Ohio. Steps were discussed as a precaution in case this would happen here in St. Clair County.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Moll to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Allen, Chairman
Emergency Readiness Committee

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Report of Activities Emergency Readiness / Public Safety Committee February 2023 / March 2023

1. All monthly radio tests were conducted, and no problems were noted.
2. Monthly tests of the outdoor warning sirens were completed. City of Belleville had a failure on their entire system. They worked with the vendor and successfully tested two days later.
3. Continue to attend the monthly Hospital/EMS COVID 19 Conference Calls
4. Attend the bi-weekly Conference call with IEMA Director regarding COVID-19
5. Attended the Monthly Starcom 21 Committee Meeting
6. Conducted weather briefings via social media regarding snow events.
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 monthly meeting of the St. Clair Special Emergency Services.
12. Meeting was held with Outdoor Warning Siren vendor and installs are expected to begin by the end of March.
13. Staff attended a planning meeting for the 2023 air show at Scott Air Force Base.
14. Many departments are receiving their deliveries from the bulk radio purchase and programming is underway.
15. 427 applications were submitted to be included in the FEMA Buyout program. The entire application package was completed and submitted to Illinois Emergency Management Agency. Next steps will be to work with IEMA to hire an appraiser to begin appraisals of those properties.
16. Attend weekly meetings with the Long Term Recovery Division of our County COAD (Community Organization Active in Disaster).
17. Working with the Illinois Emergency Management Contractor to evaluate and complete an after action report on the County Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
18. Staff attended the quarterly IL Emergency Management regional meeting.
19. Staff attended the National Weather Service Spring Flood Prediction seminar.
20. EMA Resources were requested and assisted with the funeral of French Village Fire Chief Alfred LaPointe.