

EMERGENCY READINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 23, 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
Ken Easterley
Susan Gruberman
Jana A. Moll
G.W. Scott, Jr.
Robert Trentman
C. Rick Vernier

Members Absent

Others Present:

Mark Kern, County Board Chairman

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. G.W. Scott, Jr. and seconded by Mrs. Moll to approve the Minutes from the September 11, 2023 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The monthly EMA report was distributed to members to review.

A motion was made by Mr. G.W. Scott, Jr. and seconded by Mrs. Moll to approve the EMA report. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. G.W. Scott, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Vernier to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Allen, Chairman
Emergency Readiness Committee

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Report of Activities
Emergency Readiness / Public Safety Committee
September 2023 / October 2023

1. All monthly radio tests were conducted, and no problems were noted.
2. Monthly tests of the outdoor warning sirens were completed. Millstadt and Mascoutah reported activation issues with their sirens. Millstadt tested and confirmed operation internally. Mascoutah has sought a vendor to investigate their system.
3. 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. Attended the STARRS Board Meeting.
7. Attended the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee Meeting.
8. Attended the Statewide 9-1-1 Next Generation 9-1-1 planning meeting.
9. Attended meeting of the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board.
10. Attended the monthly meeting of the St. Clair Special Emergency Services.
11. Motorola and the Siren Vendor have installed necessary components at the St. Clair County Jail radio tower to allow simultaneous activation of the new and old siren system until such a time all old sirens are replaced. They are spending this week resyncing the antennas of the newly installed sirens and a full test of all sirens will be conducted prior to continuing with installations.
12. EMA staff met with IEMA and FEMA this week to finalize the rankings of the properties and FEMA is currently reviewing those rankings against the new preliminary flood plain maps. Once their review is complete the authorization to hire and appraisal firm will be issued.
13. IEMA and FEMA informed St. Clair County that a Notice of Funding Opportunity will be made available on 10/20/23 with approximately \$5,000,000 in mitigation funding will be available for St. Clair County communities. The application deadline to the state will be mid-December with project award from FEMA no later than April 10, 2024.
14. Attend bi-weekly meetings with the Long Term Recovery Division of our County COAD (Community Organization Active in Disaster).
15. Mobile command post was deployed to assist Belleville with the Oktoberfest event in downtown.