

EMERGENCY READINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 2024

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. Richard Vernier, Asst. Chairman
Susan Gruberman
Ken Easterley
Jana A. Moll
G.W. Scott, Jr.
Robert Trentman

Members Absent

Others Present:

Herb Simmons, Director 911/EMA
Mark Kern, Chairman, County Board

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 November 18, 2024 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The monthly EMA report was distributed to members to review.

A motion was made by Mr. Vernier 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 6:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Allen, Chairman
Emergency Readiness Committee

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Herbert Simmons
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Report of Activities
Emergency Readiness / Public Safety Committee
November 2024 / December 2024

1. All monthly radio tests were conducted, and no problems were noted.
2. Monthly tests of the outdoor warning sirens were completed. There was a power failure which caused the initial test of the system to fail. The problem was identified and corrected. A supplemental test was conducted and was successful. However, three sirens were confirmed not to activate on the successful test and the vendor is investigating those towers (One in Fairmont City, one in Freeburg and one in O'Fallon).
3. Attended the Monthly Starcom 21 Committee Meeting
4. Attended the STARRS Board Meeting.
5. Attended the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee Meeting.
6. Attended meeting of the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board.
7. Attended the monthly meeting of the St. Clair Special Emergency Services.
8. Siren Vendor Engineer and vendor working on punch list items for completion of the project.
9. Bi-weekly meetings continue with the FEMA BRIC Staff to develop the project application for St. Clair County and the 11 eligible communities. The application deadline is January 2025.
10. Attend monthly meeting of the Long Term Recovery Division of our County COAD (Community Organization Active in Disaster).
11. Working with IEMA and FEMA to continue the buyout program. Awaiting the next step of the process. IEMA has determined 37 of the homes that applied for buyout are located in a "special flood hazard area" which will allow expediting their process and that is underway.
12. Federal Disaster recovery centers have closed and the deadline to file for assistance is December 13, 2024.. As of 12/6/24 below is a summary of assistance provided in St. Clair County:
 - a. 9,962 residents registered for assistance
 - b. 9,552 property inspections scheduled
 - c. 9,485 property inspections completed
 - d. \$28,452,569.96 awarded in Individual Assistance
 - e. \$14,494,397.20 awarded in Housing Assistance
 - f. \$13,958,172.76 awarded in Other Needs Assistance