

EMERGENCY READINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 22, 2024

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

Members Present:

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

Members Absent

Bob Allen, Chairman, Excused
Ken Easterley, Excused

Others Present:

Herb Simmons, Director 911/EMA
May Brown, Citizen

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 June 17, 2024 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The monthly EMA report was distributed to members to review. Members discussed the flooding that occurred July 16, 2024.

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Moll and seconded by Ms. Gruberman to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 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
June 2024 / July 2024

1. All monthly radio tests were conducted, and no problems were noted.
2. Monthly tests of the outdoor warning sirens were completed. Report of a siren malfunction in O'Fallon that was investigated by the vendor. Citizen report of abnormal sound from a Millstadt Siren. Millstadt City Staff confirmed both sirens activated and sounded normal.
3. Attend the monthly Conference call with IEMA Director regarding COVID-19
4. Attended the Monthly Starcom 21 Committee Meeting
5. Attended the STARRS Board Meeting.
6. Attended the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee Meeting.
7. Attended meeting of the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board.
8. Attended the monthly meeting of the St. Clair Special Emergency Services.
9. Installation of new warning sirens continues. Crews are currently working on replacement installs in Marissa and completing new pole installation in areas where expanded coverage was determined to be needed by the propagation study.
10. 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.
11. Attend monthly meeting of the Long Term Recovery Division of our County COAD (Community Organization Active in Disaster).
12. Working with IEMA and FEMA to continue the buyout program. Benefit Cost Analysis was completed and submitted to FEMA. The county was notified by IEMA that there would be a 60 day period now where FEMA finalizes the environmental requirements of the buyout program and then they would authorize the appraisals.
13. EMA Staff responded to Bel Plaza 1 Senior Living in Belleville for an Air Conditioner outage. Portable air conditioning units from the St. Clair Special Emergency Services were deployed to assist in cooling the facility while repairs were made.
14. First responders, hospitals and military from St. Clair County participated in a 3 day Regional Earthquake Exercise.