

EMERGENCY READINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 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:

Bryan Whitaker, 911/EMA

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 September 23, 2024 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. G.W. Scott, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Vernier to approve the 2025 Meeting Schedule.

The monthly EMA report was distributed to members to review. Ms. Gruberman asked where the houses in the "special flood hazard area" are located. Bryan Whitaker answered they are in Cahokia. Bryan also explained the status of the outdoor warning sirens.

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

In other business there was a discussion about Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) in Florida.

A motion was made by Mr. G.W. Scott Jr. and seconded by Mrs. Moll to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 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 2024 / October 2024

1. All monthly radio tests were conducted, and no problems were noted.
2. Monthly tests of the outdoor warning sirens were completed.
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. Working with vendor to obtain right-of-way easements for installation of final outdoor warning sirens along with completion of secondary check of all installations. Next step will be working to install controllers in communities that requested to purchase a secondary controller.
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. 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.
13. Command Post was deployed to assist at Belleville Chili Cook Off.
14. EMA Staff attended the annual Illinois Public Safety Telecommunicator Association training conference.
15. Federal Disaster recovery centers remain open in Belleville and Cahokia. As of 10/15/2024 below is a summary of assistance provided in St. Clair County:
 - a. 5,223 residents registered for assistance
 - b. 4,891 property inspections scheduled
 - c. 4,115 property inspections completed
 - d. \$14,099,712.33 awarded in Individual Assistance
 - e. \$7,300,601.59 awarded in Housing Assistance
 - f. \$6,799,110.74 awarded in Other Needs Assistance