EMERGENCY READINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2026

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
Robert Trentman
Jana A. Moll
G.W. Scott, Jr.

Members Absent

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

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 21, 2026 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. G.W. Scott, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Vernier to approve the 2027 Meeting Schedule.

The monthly EMA report was distributed to members, and a discussion was led by Mr. Simmons.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Vernier, and seconded by Mr. G.W. Scott, Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert Allen, Chairman
Emergency Readiness Committee

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Herbert Simmons
EMA Director

Report of Activities
Emergency Readiness / Public Safety Committee
September 2026 / October 2026

1. All monthly radio tests were conducted, and no problems were noted.
2. Monthly tests of the outdoor warning sirens were completed. Ongoing maintenance continues to ensure the integrity of the system.
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. Staff attended the quarterly regional meeting for Illinois Emergency Management.
9. Attend monthly meeting of the Long Term Recovery Division of our County COAD (Community Organization Active in Disaster).
10. Conducted the bi-monthly meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).
11. Continue to work with IEMA/FEMA on the Belleville and East Carondelet Flood Studies along with the Flood Buyout Program. Our engineering firm is beginning the process of developing the fair market value offers for the first 35 homes to be presented to the owners.
12. Continue to conduct the Monday Morning Spotlight St Clair Episodes.
13. Staff began negotiations with Motorola on the renewal of our 10-year radio contract which is scheduled to expire in March 2027.
14. EMA staff assisted with World of Outlaws racing at Belle Clair Speedway.
15. Drone as a First Responder devices have arrived and are scheduled for install next week.