



Clinton County Emergency Management Commission & Clinton County Board of Supervisors Joint Meeting

Wednesday, February 20, 2020 | 6:00 PM

Clinton County Satellite Offices – Large Meeting Room

226 11th Street, DeWitt, Iowa

Attendees:

- Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Dan Srp
- Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Tom Determann
- Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Jim Irwin
- City of Camanche: Mayor Trevor Willis
- City of Camanche: Andrew Kida
- City of Charlotte: Mayor Jim Keller
- City of Clinton: Mayor Scott Maddasion
- City of DeWitt: Councilperson Steve Hasenmiller
- City of DeWitt/DeWitt Fire Department: Garey Chrones
- City of Grand Mound: Mayor Kurt Crosthwaite
- City of Low Moor: Councilperson Karna Rehr
- Sheriff's Office: Chief Deputy Steve Diesch
- Clinton County Attorney: Mike Wolf
- Clinton County Auditor: Eric VanLancker
- Communications: Eric Dau
- DeWitt Police Department: Chief David Porter
- Emergency Management:
 - Coordinator, Chance Kness
 - Plans Officer, Nancy Burns

Absent:

City of Andover
City of Calamus
City of Delmar
City of Goose Lake
City of Lost Nation
City of Toronto
City of Welton
City of Wheatland

Media: Clinton Herald: John Rohlf

The Observer: Tim Manning

Public: Joe Dierickx – DeWitt, County Resident

Curt Allen – DeWitt Resident

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1. Introductions – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Willis. Introductions were made.
 2. Approval of previous meeting minutes – February 5, 2020 – Due to not having a quorum present, the previous meeting minute's approval will be tabled until the next meeting.

3. **General Public** - This is the time that the public can address the Commission. Public comments will be limited to 3 minutes per individual. – Andrew Kida commented as a representative from the City of Camanche and as a citizen. He stated that he is very thankful for everything that EMA did to assist his city before, during, and after the flooding last year. Due to that assistance, they were able to apply for FEMA funding to repair some of the flood damage. He as a citizen also believes that public safety funding is very important.
4. **Discussion – Joint Discussion with Board of Supervisors regarding EMA Funding.**
 - a. **Comments – Board of Supervisors Chairperson – Supervisor Srp** started off the discussion. Supervisor Srp explained that the Board of Supervisors have some concerns over who has the levy authority. He states it seems to be a question throughout the State over how EMA is funded. He went over the options that are listed for ways to possibly fund EMA. He explained that the Board of Supervisors have reached out to the legislature hoping for some clarification since this appears to be a statewide issue.
 - b. **Comments – Commission Chairperson – Mayor Willis** commented that he felt that the EM Commission has the authority to set the EMA budget and that the EM Commission is the body that sets the line items. He stated that he would also like some clarification but that it might take some time to receive it. He felt that the EM Commission and EMA could work within the budget for this year but states that this situation needs to be resolved.
 - c. **Open Discussion – Lengthy discussion** occurred about the items that are being reduced and over the overall EMA budget being reduced. Supervisor Irwin stated that the line items that were cut for this budget were the overtime line for Plans Officer by the amount of \$2676.50 or half, the Operations Officer’s salary line in the amount of \$416.25 (which is a 2.25% raise instead of a 3% raise), and the Coordinator’s salary line by \$538.41 (which is a 2.25% raise instead of a 3% raise) for a total of \$3631.16 cut. No consensus or agreement was reached. All agreed that they would like to see some clarification from the Legislature or Attorney General on the subject.
5. **Other Business – No other business.**
6. **With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm by Mayor Willis.**



Chance Kness, Coordinator

4/16/2020
Date



Emergency Management Chairperson

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