



## Clinton County Emergency Management Commission Meeting

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 | 6:30 PM

Clinton County Satellite Office and Zoom Meeting

226 11th St, DeWitt, Iowa

### Attendees:

- Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Jim Irwin
- Board of Supervisors: Erin George
- City of Calamus: Mayor Lance Goettsch
- City of Camanche: Mayor Austin Pruet
- City of Charlotte: Councilperson Kelly Hosette
- City of Clinton: Mayor Scott Maddasion
- City of DeWitt: Mayor Steve Hasenmiller
- City of Goose Lake: Mayor Ken Schoon
- City of Grand Mound: Mayor Kurt Crosthwaite
- City of Welton: Mayor Jon Marlowe
- City of Wheatland: Councilperson Paul Stankee
- Sheriff's Office: Sheriff Bill Greenwalt
- Clinton County Human Resources: Ally Ellison
- Constellation Energy Generation: Ryan Tozer
- Constellation Energy Generation: Christina Nelson
- Constellation Energy Generation: Shaina East
- Emergency Management:
  - Coordinator, Chance Kness
  - Plans Officer, Nancy Burns
  - Operations Officer, Andrew Smith

### Absent:

City of Andover  
City of Delmar  
City of Low Moor  
City of Lost Nation  
City of Toronto

Media: None  
Public: Margaret Crosthwaite

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1. Introductions – The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Mayor Hasenmiller. Roll call attendance was completed.
  2. Approval of previous meeting minutes – February 21, 2024 – A motion to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented was made by Councilperson Stankee and seconded by Mayor Maddasion. Motion passed with all ayes.
  3. Awareness – Previous meeting minutes of the BOS/EM Commission meeting on February 22, 2024 was recorded by the BOS. EM Commission did not have a quorum at this meeting. This was posted as a joint meeting.

4. General Public - This is the time that the public can address the Commission. Public comments will be limited to 3 minutes per individual. – No comments from the public.
5. Discussion and Possible Action – Constellation Funding Agreement
  - a. Kness explained that talks about funding have been ongoing between the Executive Committee, the Board of Supervisors, Constellation, and the State of Iowa.
  - b. Supervisor Irwin explained the negotiation process and how the agreement was reached.
  - c. Kness explained some language changes to the agreement that he was requesting including for Constellation to add “Constellation acknowledges active discussion regarding changes to the Goose Lake Reception Center staffing and location. Changes to this part of the plan may require additional funds from Constellation and will require additional negotiation and agreement not covered by this document.” AND also to Please make the clause for planning assistance more specific. Because elimination of sirens in the plan or changes to the location of relocation and reception centers will constitute significant additional planning work in the next few years. Asking Constellation to consider adding “Constellation agrees to provide substantial planning assistance. Constellation agrees to provide assistance in terms of a comprehensive initial review of the Clinton County REP Plans and SOPs to be completed no later than December 1st 2026. Constellation will provide expert knowledge for plan reviews and discussion with Iowa HSEMD and FEMA regarding proposed changes. Constellation will provide data entry and change tracking assistance for any plan and SOP updates during this agreement period.” Ryan Tozer from Constellation explained that they feel as if the current language is adequate to address the assistance that Constellation will give Clinton County. Discussion ensued amongst the Executive Committee, Constellation staff and Chance regarding the agreement language and addressing questions. Constellation was thanked for their willingness to work with Clinton County entities.
  - d. A motion was made by Sheriff Greenwalt to accept the Constellation Funding Agreement (without the additions requested by Kness) and seconded by Mayor Marlowe. Motion carries with all ayes.
6. Discussion and Possible Action – Hours worked calculation for non-exempt employees.
  - a. HR Director Ally Ellison explained the hours worked calculations, how they have changed at the county level and how some exceptions have been instituted in some departments. Mayor Goettsch explained that they had just discovered in Calamus that there may be some other rules in Iowa Code that we may not be aware of. It was decided to table this discussion for now until HR can research this with the County HR Attorneys to see if the County is in line with Iowa Code. Then the topic can be brought back to a future meeting.
7. Discussion and Possible Action – Disaster Fund Usage Rules.
  - a. Kness explained that recent emergencies brought up questions about the disaster fund. There is \$100,000 in the rollover fund that is designated for disaster expenses. Discussions have been had with the Executive Committee about that fund and potential uses of that fund. We need to discuss proposed rules for using that fund. Kness offered a proposal for rules to govern the use of the fund. Discussion ensued on uses of the fund and the possibility of discontinuing the fund. A decision was made to table this discussion for now.
8. Discussion and Possible Action – Outdoor Warning Siren Update.
  - a. Kness explained the siren system and the reason why we are now looking at the future of the system after Constellation offered to “gift” us their sirens in our area. Kness explained costs associated with the sirens, newer alert options available now. Kness then explained the different options for our future program. The option recommended

by the Siren Workgroup we had working on the issue was to not accept the Constellation sirens and to decommission the county sirens. Extensive discussion ensued about the siren program overall and the Commission agreed that this would be the best option. Kness explained that the EM Commission needs to make their decision and then the County and each city need to decide as well as to whether they are going to take over any sirens. Kness and Supervisor George are willing to come to city council meetings to explain, however a number of the members of the Commission stated that they feel comfortable talking about the issue at their meetings. Information will be sent out to them for this. A timeline for discontinuing using the sirens was discussed as well and December 31, 2024 was decided to be the best option. Kness discussed possibly having partnerships with local vendors such as Theissen's and Farm and Fleet to offer discounts on weather radios and the Commission encouraged him to pursue this and bring back options to them. Councilperson Stankee made a motion to select Option 2 of the Siren options which consists of not accepting the Constellation gift of sirens and decommissioning of the county sirens as of December 31, 2024 and was seconded by Mayor Crosthwaite. Motion carries with all ayes.

9. Awareness – Budget Amendment for Drone Purchase.

- a. Kness explained that there will be a budget amendment needed for Communications which goes through our budget. There will also be a budget amendment needed for a reimbursement from a copier buyout that took 5 months and was outside the budget year it was approved in, and also, we had funds available and worked with the Sheriff's Office to purchase a drone and then it was backordered and came in the next fiscal year. No new funds will be needed, we just need to move them into a different year.

10. Other Business

- 11. With no other a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Maddasion and seconded by Mayor Marlowe. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.



Chance Kness, Coordinator

11/21/2024

Date



Emergency Management Chairperson

11-20-24

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