

January 15, 2025 Minutes  
Budget Hearing & Commission Meeting

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Story County Emergency Management Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Linda Murken.

**Attendance:**

| <u>Jurisdiction</u> | <u>Name</u>         | <u>Jurisdiction</u> | <u>Name</u>        |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| BOS                 | Linda Murken        | Ames                | John Haila         |
| Cambridge           | Bobby Chubbic       | Collins             | Stephanie Smith    |
| Colo                | Jeff Brinkman       | Gilbert             |                    |
| Huxley              | Greg Mulder         | Kelley              | Rick Terrones      |
| Maxwell             | Dale Higgins        | McCallsburg         |                    |
| Nevada              | Sandy Ehrig         | Roland              |                    |
| Sheldahl            |                     | Slater              |                    |
| Story City          | Mike Jensen         | Zearing             |                    |
| Sheriff             | Paul Fitzgerald     | ISU                 |                    |
| SCEMA               | Melissa Spencer     | SCEMA               | Josh Harding       |
| Guest               | Brian Hanson-Nevada | Guest               | Tim Salasek-Kelley |

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of October & December Minutes

Approval of January 2025 Tentative Agenda

Correction required to December minutes to the motion for the proposed budget. Maxwell listed as making the motion and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Spencer will make the changes.

Motion by Fitzgerald, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Huxley to approve the Consent Agenda with changes to the December minutes. MCU

**FY26 Budget Hearing**

Murken opened the public hearing at 7:03PM. No comments from the public in person or via Zoom. Murken closed the public hearing at 7:03PM. No further discussion on the published budget. Motion by Story City, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ames to approve the FY256 budget. MCU

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**Election of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair**

Motion by Ames, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Story City nominating Sheriff Fitzgerald to continue as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair. Fitzgerald accepts the nomination. No other nominations. Nominations cease.

Motion by Story City, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelley approving the Sheriff as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair.

## **Approval of Emergency Support Functions 1, 3, & 7**

No significant updates to the plans. Haila asked the process for how the plans were updated. Spencer explained that the staff conduct the first review of the plans and make adjustments. Plans are then sent to partners for their review and recommendations. Once that is complete, they are sent for approval by the Commission. Motion by Colo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Huxley to approve the plans as presented. MCU

## **Quarterly Report**

The report was provided with the meeting packet, and Spencer opened the floor for questions. Haila asked what was the most important training that staff attended during the last quarter. Spencer reported that the Critical Infrastructure training was the most valuable training. Spencer is going to continue her training with completing her critical infrastructure certificate through TEEEX. Harding reported that taking his FEMA ICS 300 & 400 courses were the most valuable as it will move him closer to becoming a FEMA certified instructor. Having a FEMA instructor in Story County will allow the County to present and instruct FEMA classes they wish to host.

## **Other**

Haila asked how other communities are working with the homeless population during cold weather events. Ames has a higher concentration of homelessness and wanted insight into how other communities are looking at the issue. There will be a specific agenda item during the April meeting to discuss whole community heat and cold emergency sheltering.

## **Next Meeting:**

**Adjournment: Motion by Story City, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelley MCU Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM**