

EMA Committee Minutes

April 5, 2022

The EMA Committee of the Piatt County Board met on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 104 at the Piatt County courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray Spencer. Attending were: Spencer, Gail Jones. Shannon Carroll was absent. Also, in attendance were Keri Nusbaum, Scott Porter, Rob Bross, Sheriff Vogelzang, Linda Leach and Kevin Barlow.

Public Comment: None

Countywide Mass Alert System

Director Bross presented facts about the current countywide mass alert system, Hyper Reach. The invoice for the coming year has been received, and it would cost \$5300 from April 18, 2022 to April 17, 2023. There is no budgeted line item for this expense, and the last two years it has been paid from General funds in the amount of \$10,600. The system was never used, so is not eligible for the reimbursement contemplated by the previous director. A total of 1430 people are signed up. If the system is kept, Bross would like to have at least 3000 people sign up. He is unsure if there are any grants available to cover the cost moving forward. There is still no access to the existing EMA Facebook page. Monticello City uses CivicReady alerts.

Motion: Jones made motion to not recommend continuing the Hyper Reach program, seconded by Spencer.

In discussion, the committee noted that they are not against the program, but there is no budget for it.

Roll was called, all in favor, and the motion passed. Hyper Reach will not be renewed.

The director informed the committee that the missing ILEAS radios were returned to the courthouse via courier.

Claims – None

The director informed the committee he distributed 30-40 weather radios door to door in Pierson, Milmine, and LaPlace. He may distribute the remainder through the village offices.

Motion: Jones made motion, seconded by Spencer to adjourn. On voice vote, all in favor, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Nusbaum
Piatt County Zoning Officer/Secretary to the County Board

