

Bremer County Emergency Management Commission

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Waverly – Mark Anderson

Board of Supervisors – Corey Cerwinski

Sheriff's Office – Dan Pickett

Aaron Goodenbour - Coordinator

Minutes: January 16, 2025 @ 4:00PM –Bremer-Waverly Law Enforcement Center

Meeting was called to order at 16:00 by Chair Dan Wedemeier.

Tom Geise motioned, Rod Diercks seconded, to approve the agenda. -All Ayes, Motion Carried

Dan Kalkbrenner motioned, Corey Cerwinski seconded, to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2024 meeting – All Ayes, Motion Carried.

At 16:04 Corey Cerwinski motioned, Mark Anderson second to move the Bremer County Emergency Management Commission meeting into a *Closed Session in accordance with Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel (County Attorney Darius Robinson) in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent – Employment & Civil Rights Claim.*

At 16:57, Corey Cerwinski motioned, Tom Geise second to close the Close Session and resume the Bremer County Emergency Management Commission meeting. All Ayes, Motion Carried

Aaron provided the commission with the EMA Year in Review.

-FY26 Budget Approval: Aaron presented the proposed budget to the commission.

Tom Geise motioned, Dave Beenblossom second to adjust the proposed 6% salary increase to a 9% increase. To cover a step raise including the cost of living and performance. All Ayes, Motion Carried

Corey Cerwinski motioned, Dan Kalkbrenner second to increase the Vehicle Replacement savings line item from \$8,000 to \$8,500. All Ayes, Motion Carried

Rod Diercks motioned, Dave Beenblossom second to approve the FY26 Proposed Budget with prior approved adjustments. All Ayes, Motion Carried

-Old Business: Set Public Hearing on the proposed budget for February 11th, 2025 @ 4:00

-New Business: Aaron updated the commission on the HSEM date changes for ESF/RSF plans. Aaron also shared his idea of hosting Beneath The Badge here in Bremer County for our local responders. Members of the commission were in favor and thought it would be a great idea.

-Comments from the Commission Members: Tom Geise mentioned Plainfield is considering a change to their Firework ordinance

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Dave Beenblossom shared with the group some information about Janesville PD's new K9 Program. If there is a situation that a K9 is needed to simply make the request to Janesville PD through Bremer County Dispatch.

-Comments from Public: Kip Ladage updated the group on a possible flood buyout project on Hwy 3.

Dan Wedemeier motioned, Dan Pickett seconded, to adjourn at 18:12. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Goodenbour - Coordinator
