

Bremer County Emergency Management Commission

Denver – Rod Diercks

Frederika – Neil Whitney

Janesville – David Beenblossom

Plainfield – Tom Geise

Readlyn – Dan Wedemeier (C)

Sumner – Brian Bockhaus

Tripoli – Dan Kalkbrenner

Waverly – Kristin Happel

Board of Supervisors – Duane Hildebrandt

Sheriff's Office – Dan Pickett

Coordinator- Aaron Goodenbour

Minutes for January 22, 2026 @ 5:00pm Bremer-Waverly Law Enforcement Center Lower-Level Training Room

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: In accordance with Iowa Code 21.8, this meeting is made virtually available to its members via Avaya phone system.

1. Call to Order by Chair Dan Wedemeier @ 17:00
2. Members Present are in **BOLD** at the top.
3. Introductions
4. Approval of Agenda
 - Motioned- Duane Hildebrandt
 - Seconded- Sherriff Pickett
 - All Ayes, Motion Carried
5. Citizen Input- None
6. Approval of minutes from November 20, 2025 meeting
 - Motioned- Rod Diercks
 - Seconded- David Beenblossom
 - All Ayes, Motion Carried
7. Approval of minutes from July 3, 2025 meeting
 - Motioned- Dan Kalkbrenner
 - Seconded- Rod Diercks
 - All Ayes, Motion Carried
8. EMA Update:
 - EMPG 2025
 - Due to FEMA not releasing funds to the State of Iowa at this time, there is a good chance we will not see that funding.
 - E911/EMA Commission
 - Aaron Goodenbour shared there is a current bill wanting to combine the E911 Service Board and the EMA Commission. Will update as things progress.
9. Old Business:
 - Crisis K9 Program update- Dustin Newhoff
10. New Business:
 - Election of EMA Commission Officers

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Motion by David Beenblossom to nominate Dan Wedemeier as 2026
EMA Commission Chair
Seconded- Rod Diercks
All Ayes, Motion Carried

Motion by Duane Hildebrandt to nominate Tom Geise as 2026 EMA
Commission Vice Chair
Seconded- David Beenblossom
All Ayes, Motion Carried

- Review/Approve: The amended Educational & Experience Qualifications Letter drafted by County Attorney Robinson
Motioned- Rod Diercks
Seconded- Kristin Happel
All Ayes, Motion Carried
- E911 Coordinator Discussion
Sherriff Pickett shared his thoughts on transitioning the E911 Coordinator duties to the EMA Coordinator like most counties in Iowa already have setup. Tom Geise asked if a time log could be kept.
- Review/Approve: EMA Commission Bylaws and sign by EMA Commission Members
Tabled, looking for guidance from other counties.
- FY27 Budget Work Session
Aaron Goodenbour presented the proposed FY27 Budget
- Set FY27 Budget Public Hearing
February 10, 2026 @ 5:00pm
Motioned- Rod Diercks
Seconded- Neil Whitney
All Ayes, Motion Carried
- FY26 Budget Amendment
Aaron Goodenbour presented the proposed FY26 Budget Amendment, moving revenues to expenditure line items.
- Set FY26 Budget Amendment Public Hearing
February 10, 2026 @ 5:00pm following FY27 Budget Public Hearing
Motioned- David Beenblossom
Seconded- Rod Diercks
All Ayes, Motion Carried

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- Discuss having quarterly meetings
Aaron made a suggestion that as a commission we should be meeting quarterly at a minimum and looking for members thoughts. Duane Hildebrandt asked to reach out to other counties and see what they do.

11. Comments from Commission Members

12. Adjourn @ 5:57

Motioned- Duane Hildebrandt

Seconded- Rod Diercks

All Ayes, Motion Carried