

# **SUMMIT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

February 21, 2019

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The meeting of the Summit County Emergency Management Executive Committee (EMEC) was called to order on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 8:30AM (Grant presentations) 10:02 (regular meeting) in the Summit County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Akron Municipal Building at 166 South High Street, Akron, Ohio 44308.

## **GRANT PRESENTATIONS**

### **I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Deb Matz motioned for the approval of the December 20, 2018 minutes with Mark Derrig as the second. Motion was carried by voice vote. Introductions were made.

### **II. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **Correspondence Sent and Received**

Bill Holland reviewed the correspondence with the committee (see attached).

- Request from Alan Brubaker to appoint Tina Merlitti as the alternate for the Engineer's Office
- Chief Film asked that Chief John Dalessandro be the primary member and Chief Chris Noga be the alternate
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds available as a result of the flooding in southern and eastern Ohio in February 2018
- Re-submittal of the Summit County 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan which is done every 5 years

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

Tommy Smoot spoke on the Mitigation Plan. This was resubmitted to FEMA on February 19<sup>th</sup> with additional information. The next step will be to adopt through legislation.

Tommy Smoot stated the 2018 EMEC grant projects have been completed.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

Tommy Smoot reviewed the 2019 per-capita rate increase for Summit County Emergency Management Agency currently set at .45. The rate being proposed is .55 per city capita with EMEC approval. The County matches ½ of this rate at .227 and the County will support the increase. One of the projects this additional funding will potentially fund would be a 911 coordinator. The original responsibilities for the 911 Coordinator were a part of the previous

EMA Director duties. Deb Matz made a motion to increase the per capita rate by .10 with a second by Ed Diebold. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Clarence Tucker made a motion to approve the 2019 EMEC budget with a second by Deb Matz. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Tommy Smoot discussed the Grant presentation this morning from Summit County Hazmat, SORT Water Team, Summit Metro Crash Response Team and the Summit County Bomb Squad. The Hazmat and Bomb Squad were seeking radiation detector projects that may be able to be funded out of the State Homeland Security Fund. The Metro Crash Team may also have alternate funding. The EMEC Committee discussed waiting to see how much money would be available for the alternate funding. Deb Matz made a motion to table the 2019 EMEC Grant vote until the April meeting with a second by Bill Goncy. The motion was carried by voice vote.

A nomination for Bill Holland to remain as Chairperson and Chief Clarence Tucker to remain as Vice-Chairperson was made by Deb Matz with Ed Diebold as the second. Motion was carried by voice vote with Chief Tucker abstaining.

## **V. EMA AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Emergency Management Agency Report**

- Tommy Smoot reported the National Guard was called to help support the cyber attack on the City of Akron. Chief Ball stated this was a great use of resources. Deputy Mayor Brown spoke on activating the EOC or IMAT if another attack takes place. There are still glitches with receiving outside emails with attachments for the City of Akron.
- Tommy Smoot spoke on our collaboration with the Akron Area Interfaith Council and how they can be utilized during a disaster or emergency.
- Tommy Smoot spoke on switching vendors for the Public Notification System from WENS to CivicReady. Deb Matz stated the contract has been reviewed and there are no significant issues.
- Tim Gemind reported the Hazmat branch has had 4 incidents. All of the special operations branches are continuing ongoing training, including a "Weapons of Mass Destruction" training.
- Tim Gemind is reviewing the mandatory training hours for the SORT teams.
- Tim Gemind reported EMA has sold the original SORT box truck for \$1500.
- Tim Gemind stated EMA will be ordering a \$290,000 specialized vehicle for Hazmat to be housed at Valley Fire District.
- Jena Beckett spoke on upcoming trainings and grant project status for SHSP.

### **Summit County Public Health**

Donna Skoda updated on the flu outbreak. Summit County has had one elderly death from influenza. HepA outbreak in currently affecting every county in Ohio.

Donna Skoda stated SCPH is currently looking for Public Health workers to run mosquito trucks in the summer.

Donna Skoda stated the AreaRaes purchase for County Hazmat has been ordered. Donna stated they are currently working out the logistics.

### **800 MHz Radio System Report**

Mike Szabo stated the final phase of the project has been completed converting to the State network the week of January 14<sup>th</sup>. This project is under agreement until 2039.

### **Citizen Corp**

CERT training will be on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at Copley Middle School. There will be another training in the fall, 2019.

### **VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Gary Neffenger, a University of Akron master's student, will be soliciting information from EMEC for educational purposes.

### **VII. Adjournment**

Deb Matz motioned to adjourn the meeting with Bill Goncy as the second. The motion carried by voice vote. The next meeting will be April 18, 2019 at 10:00 am.