

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE MINUTES
July 25, 2008**

Present: Committee Members – Paul Babcock, Glen Borland, George Jaeckel, Rick Kuhlman, Pam Rogers

Also attending: Donna Haugom, Sharon Schmeling, Phil Ristow

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL (established a quorum)

3. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

4. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 22, 2008 MEETING

Glen Borland moved to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2008 meeting as typed, seconded by George Jaeckel. Motion carried.

7. FLOODING UPDATE

Disaster Recovery Center (Individual/Business Assistance)

As of July 24, 1065 Jefferson County Residents have registered with FEMA. 325 people have visited the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC). The DRC will remain open until August 2, 2008. Many people are still displaced from their homes and may not have had a chance to register with FEMA. Zoning is currently assessing all the properties to determine the damage. If the property is in the flood plain is assessed at over 50% substantially damaged, the structure has to be demolished and can not be rebuilt. Funding will be applied for through the Flood Mitigation Acquisition Program from federal (75%), state (12.5%), and county (12.5%) to assist as many affected properties as possible. Since there are a large number of affected, this could be millions of dollars. Haugom is also exploring other funding possibilities. Appraisals for the structures are based off of a pre-flood condition.

Bruce Haukom, Zoning Administrator has asked Haugom to create a plan which states that a warning system is in place to warn people to evacuate if the chance of flooding occurs. This would replace the dry land access requirement for flood fringe properties affected by the disaster and allow them to repair if they were under 50% substantially damaged. It also informs the people that if they choose not to evacuate, they do so at their own risk and emergency response services will be very slow in responding. For every dollar spent in mitigation, four dollars are saved in response funds.

Family Assistance Center(s)

The Family Assistance Center, located at 104 Collins Road, Jefferson, has received many people seeking supplies to clean up their properties. Flood buckets, clean up kits, bleach, gloves, water, Power aid, and snacks are just a few examples of supplies provided to

visitors. Some monetary donations have been received for the Family Assistance Center. These funds are used to purchase requested items that the center currently does not have. This center is staffed by volunteers.

Sandbag Issues

Approximately 685,000 sandbags were distributed by Jefferson County. Initially the sandbags were being sold for \$.25 per bag. Towards the end of the emergency, the sandbags were distributed without charge. Some cities and municipalities purchased sandbags from the County and were distributing them for free, or reimbursement was provided by some of the municipalities if local residents submitted cancelled checks or paid receipts. In the future, receipts will be created for all sandbags that were sold. FEMA will not reimburse individuals for sandbags. A special DNR permit was obtained by the County to landfill the sandbags at the County gravel pit.

Public Assistance

Haugom is meeting on Monday, July 28, 2008, with FEMA to be given information regarding public assistance. An applicant meeting was held in Whitewater to explain the process to the municipalities. Jefferson County Emergency Management has received public assistance requests from ten townships, one school district, five cities, two villages and Jefferson County. A FEMA point of contact will be assigned to Jefferson County to assist in this process.

After Action Meetings

There will be an after action meeting held on August 6, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, at UW-Extension for people that were in the EOC. On August 7, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm an after action meeting will be held for responders at UW-Extension. These meetings are not open to the public.

8. VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER (VOAD)

Jefferson County has been organizing a Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD). It is still in its infancy. Friskies was very helpful with the call center during the flooding. By having Friskies workers continuously returning to the call center, they knew answers to incoming questions and also what the functions were for the EOC members. If new volunteers would have been staffing the call center daily, there would have been much more time and effort required to continuously train these volunteers. Friskies assistance made the call center flow smoothly. A half page ad will be placed in the newspaper thanking all volunteers. A more complete thank you listing will be placed on the county website for people to view. The residents of Countryside are also sending thank you cards to many of the volunteers. A VOAD meeting will be held on July 31, 2008, to help organize the long term recovery efforts.

9. PLAN OF WORK

All of the Emergency Management Office's funding is dependant on the completion of the Plan of Work (POW). EM is attempting to get back on track with the second half projects on the POW. All tasks were completed for the first half of the POW.

10. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT AWARD FOR 2009

The FFY 2009 funding amount for the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) grant is \$30,419. The FFY 2009 funding for the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) is in the amount of \$47,336.30.

11. SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN MUTUAL AID COMPACT

Haugom distributed a copy of a southeast Wisconsin mutual aid compact. Ristow has some concerns with the compact. He is concerned with potential worker's compensation liability. Haugom will take Ristow's concerns to the southeast region. A change of the contract language stating \$1 million will become \$5 million. Haugom is hoping to have this ready to be presented in October.

Rick Kuhlman moved and Pam Rogers seconded to bring the Southeast Wisconsin Mutual Aid Compact forward pending approval of the changes requested regarding the worker's compensation issue. Motion carried.

12. CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS/CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT PLANNING

Haugom is not sure if this project will be completed this year, due to the flooding. She may need to request a carry forward of the funds allocated for this project into next year.

13. WISCONSIN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (WEMA) CONFERENCE

The Wisconsin Emergency Management Association (WEMA) Conference will be held October 27-30, 2008, at the Sheraton in Madison.

14. REVIEW OF SHERIFF'S 2009 BUDGET

Sheriff Milbrath stated they were working on the budget and indicated the Emergency Management budget will be incorporated into the Sheriff's budget for 2009.

15. TIME & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Time and place of next meeting is October 24, 2008, Jefferson County Courthouse Room 112, at 8:30 a.m.

16. ADJOURN

Pam Rogers moved and George Jaeckel seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.