Crawford County
Emergency Management Commission
May 12th, 2025
Minutes

The Crawford County Emergency Management Commission met on May 12th, 2025, in the Lower-Level Conference Room of the Crawford County Courthouse.

Voting members present were Chairman Ty Rosburg (BOS), Mayors Terry Kolln (Buck Grove), Pam Soseman (Denison), Kody Meyer (Dow City), Corey Gaskill (Manilla), Brad Rissen (Ricketts), Michell Simons (Westside) and Roger Rasmussen (Sheriff).

Voting member present via phone was Mayor Peggy Staley (Charter Oak).

Non-voting members present were Coordinator Zach Rasmussen, and Assistant Coordinator Tim Zenk.

Voting members absent were Jeff Stephens (Arion), Tom Irlbeck (Aspinwall), Jerry Mathies (Deloit), Mike Lickteig (Kiron), Beth Winquist (Schleswig), and Monte Crichton (Vail).

Guest present was Denison Fire Chief Cory Snowgren.

Chairman Rosburg called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM, with no objections to the agenda as presented.

Motion Gaskill/Soseman to approve the February 25th, 2025 meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Coordinator Zach Rasmussen provided the Commission with an update of what has been accomplished over the last three (3) months. Assistant Coordinator Tim Zenk provided the Commission with an update on the radio towers. Tim guesses within two (2) months the radio towers will be online. Chairman Rosburg brought up the possibility of providing newspapers with a Coordinator update for them to publish. Chairman Rosburg also suggested for the Coordinator to present on Emergency Medical Services (EMS) at the next Commission meeting to provide Commission members with an overview of what EMS may look like at the county level and as an essential service.

No action was taken on the budget amendment.

Coordinator provided an update on the changes made to the Commission Bylaws. All members present approved of the changes. Members present signed the approval form. New Bylaws are in effect.

All members present voted aye to approve the Crawford County Comprehensive Emergency Plan, Debris Removal Plan, and the Recovery Plan. Chairman Rosburg and Coordinator Rasmussen signed the approval document.

All members present voted aye to approve Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) #1, #3, #7, and #10. Chairman Rosburg and Coordinator Rasmussen signed the approval document.

Coordinator Rasmussen and Chief Snowgren provided the Commission with a Outdoor Warning Siren Status Assessment. Discussion was had regarding cost sharing for new or updated sirens between cities and the Commission and putting all maintenance under Emergency Management. Coordinator Rasmussen expressed the need to control of each individual siren along with county wide activation. Coordinator Rasmussen, Assistant Coordinator Zenk, and Chief Snowgren relayed to the Commission that a project of this magnitude is years from completion but wanted to start having discussions.

Coordinator Rasmussen presented the Commission with a blueprint of a mobile command trailer and opened discussion. This trailer was designed along with Reis Trailer in Westside. Discussion was had regarding how to pay for the trailer. Alternative sources of funding were suggested to help off set the cost of the trailer, which is $76,000. Coordinator Rasmussen will look for alternative sources of funding to help offset the cost. Further discussion will be held at the August Commission meeting.

Motion by Simon/Gaskill to raise the Coordinator's pay to $70,000 starting July 1st, 2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Next Commission meeting was set for August 25th, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Lower-Level Conference Room of the Crawford County Courthouse.

Motion Rasmussen/Soseman to adjourn. All aye. Motion carried.

Submitted by Coordinator Zach Rasmussen
Crawford County Emergency Management Commission Secretary

NEXT MEETING: August 25th, 2025 at 6:00 PM