

**MEDINA COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

November 20th, 2024

Chairman Deforest called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Roll call showed the following members as present: Carl Deforest, Rick Dumperth, Greg Glauner, Terry Grice, Brain Guccion, Steve Hambley, Dennis Hanwell, Aaron Harrison, Matt Hiscock, Robin Laubaugh, Jack Swedyk, and Larry Walters.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: Commissioner Hambley moved to approve the meeting minutes from October 16th, 2024, seconded by Mr. Swedyk. Voice vote showed the motion pass with Mr. Guccion, Mayor Laubaugh, and Commissioner Harrison abstaining.

Swearing in: Noah Eddy was officially sworn in as a Medina County Emergency Management Agency employee, by Mr. Deforest, as mandated by the Ohio Revised Code.

Resolutions: None.

Purchases: None.

Old Business:

- 2025 Budget – Mr. Nau presented the proposed 2025 Emergency Management Budget, with one major change being applied from the last Executive Meeting. The change being the total percentage increase from 2024 was changed from 3% to 4%. A motion was made to approve the budget by Mayor Hanwell and seconded by Chief Walters. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- New Intern - Mr. Nau announced that a new intern, Cheyenne Ralosky, will be joining the EMA on December 10th.
- 2025 Fire Chief AHAC Members – Mr. Nau presented that it was recommended from the last Fire Chief Association meeting, to reappoint Lafayette Chief Brain Cavanaugh, Seville/Guilford Assistant Chief Jim Carter, and Valley City Chief Andy Baillis for the 2025 AHAC. Mr. Nau also explained that the AHAC agreement also has three city fire chiefs, and the EMA director serves on the AHAC. Mr. Deforest made a motion to reappoint Chief Cavanaugh, Assistant Chief Carter,

and Chief Baillis. Chief Glauner seconded the motion. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- Expense Report – An expense report for October 2024 was presented and reviewed by Mr. Nau.
- EMA Activity Report – Mr. Nau presented that dive training is completed, and open water sessions will continue in the spring. The Radio Tower Project is still in progress, the EMA is collaborating with the Sheriff to build a radio tower in Seville, Mr. Nau shared that he has a meeting with FEMA about clarification about the next steps. HMEP grant has been received for next year for hazmat related training. The Seven Springs Dam grant application is still ongoing with Greg Bartoe, from the prosecutor's office, working with the state for a subrecipient agreement letter. The EMA staffed the board of elections for election day, which went smoothly. Building improvements are almost done, with networking completely done, restroom construction almost done, security systems and cameras installed and both offices are renovated. Applications for the Deputy Director positions have been received, and a brief discussion occurred about interview timelines. Mr. Nau shared an update on the incidents for the year and an update on grants. A brief discussion occurred about the dive team and training that were completed. A request was made to include team member totals in the activity list for future meetings.

Board Members:

- Commissioner Hambley shared with the group that he was approached by a Wayne County commissioner informing him of their decision to let go of their EMA director. Mr. Nau reached out to the Wayne County EMA to provide any help or aid if needed. It was discussed that the Solid Waste Policy Committee is moving forward with a consultant to update plans, and a technical advisory committee will be created to update the plans for solid waste.
- Commissioner Harrison shared a save the date for January 29th for the second annual Emergency Management Planning Meeting.
- Chief Glauner brought up a discussion on the Cleveland Clinic and physicals for Hazmat and Dive teams.

Mr. Deforest moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Dumperth. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.