

MEDINA COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2026

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

Roll Call was conducted. The following Committee members were present: Joe Canestraro, Carol Carter, Dan Chafin, Carl DeForest, Rick Dumperth, Greg Glauner, Steve Hambley, Jim Shields, and Larry Walters.

Other individuals present: Ben Nau, Greg Bartoe, and Josh Tidey.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: Commissioner Hambley made a motion to approve the minutes from January 21, 2026. The motion was seconded by Chief Walters. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Resolutions: None

Purchases:

- ALADTEC 3rd Year of Contract: \$6,914.86
 - Mr. DeForest made a motion to approve the \$6,914.86 purchase for a 3rd year of service with ALADTEC. This online service is used to manage All-Hazards Team records. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dumperth and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- EMA Advisory Group – No changes to EMA Executive Committee. Identifying the Village representative was pending from the January Executive Committee and Steering Group meetings, but has since been resolved. Mayor Carter was selected to continue serving on the Executive Committee.
- Grant Update – The FY25 Emergency Management Performance Grants that were being litigated have been resolved and will be returning to a three-year performance period. Medina County will be receiving \$101,731 in HMPG monies. Homeland Security grant monies remain under review. It is unknown how the current partial federal government shutdown will impact these grants, but a delay is anticipated.

New Business:

- Chair & Vice Chair Selection
 - Mr. DeForest solicited nominations and volunteers to fill the Executive Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman positions. Commissioner Hambley made a motion to accept the nomination of Mr. DeForest as the Chairman and Chief Walters as the Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Chief Glauner and passed unanimously.

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- Commissioner Hambley made a motion to close nominations and vote for these positions. The motion was seconded by Mayor Shields and passed unanimously. Mr. DeForest and Chief Walters remain the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee.
- Office Area Remodeling Project
 - Director Nau briefed the preliminary plans to remodel the center area of the EMA facility. This was previously the Chippewa Lake Fire Department's kitchen area. The original plan was to use some of the grant monies used to build the new building, but there was not enough funding. The County maintenance department has been engaged, and the County prosecutor is currently determining what level of services EMA should be receiving from other departments, e.g. maintenance, IT, and prosecutor.
 - Chief Walters inquired about the need for a conference space as well, potentially as an add-on area connected to the space being looked at for renovation. Director Nau briefed that the only current regularly hosted meeting is the All-Hazards Advisory Committee with other meetings and training being hosted elsewhere. Chief Walters concurred and recommended considering relocating the AHAC meeting to a different facility.

Bills Report: Director Nau shared the bills report.

EMA activities:

- Director Nau briefed upcoming training opportunities and the creation of a consolidated training web page hosted on the EMA website. The link is <https://www.medinacountyema.org/events>.
- Director Nau briefed that an EMA 101 training is being scheduled to inform fire department officers on EMA related operations. Additionally, an LEPC exercise is being planned for summer/fall 2026. Lastly, a radio user training session was held for the Medina County Health Department.
- Director Nau briefed the previous month's incidents and engagements. Notable incidents since the last Executive Committee meeting included an overturned semi-truck in Hinckley Township that had a large release potential, a fire that was intentionally set by a child, and a rope team response to rescue a horse that was stuck and had a broken leg.

Board Members:

- Chief Walters sought feedback from the committee on the Fire Chief's Association's Mutual Aid Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) update that is in progress. The consensus was that verbiage establishing a reasonable person standard should be added to the MOU.
- Chief Glauner offered the new Brunswick Fire Station to personnel who may need it to conduct training or other meetings.

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- Commissioner Hambley briefed the group on the County's contracted demographic forecast that is anticipated to be released soon.

Mr. Chafin made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dumperth and passed unanimously via voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 am.