

Jefferson County Public Safety Commission
Jefferson County, MO
MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 2023

The Jefferson County Public Safety Commission meeting was held on May 4, 2023, in person, hosted by Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management in Herculaneum, MO.

Meeting called to order by Warren Robinson at 1332.

Attendance at the meeting was as follows:

Tom Nahlik	Jefferson County 911	Present
Jeffery Broombaugh	Fire Protection Districts	Absent
Eric Hall	Public Representative	Absent
Doug Wendel	Municipal Police Departments	Present
Andy Sides	Jefferson County Sheriff's Office	Present
Kelley Vollmar	Jefferson County Health Department	Absent
Cecil Vivrett	Department of Public Works	Present
Warren Robinson	Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management	Present
Jamie Guinn	Ambulance Districts	Absent
Kevin Baker	Municipal Fire	Absent
Patrick Sweeney	Municipal Emergency Management	Present

Recognition of Visitors and Guests

Jefferson County OEM / Jina Akins

Approval of Agenda - Motion to accept agenda as presented was made by Andy Sides, seconded by Tom Nahlik. All were in favor. Agenda approved.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – March 2nd meeting minutes to be approved at next meeting.

Public Comment - None

OEM Director Report

- **4/15/23 Storm report;** approximately 200-300 residences and businesses were affected by the storms, most were in the minor damage area. The EOC was opened at 6:30pm and closed approximately an hour to an hour and a half later as there were no requests for additional support. The following several days damage assessments by OEM, local jurisdictions and the State were made.
- **Outdoor Warning Sirens Update;** A sample of a map of Acoustic Coverage for the city of Arnold, (included in the packet), was presented as an example of what the finished survey that is underway will look like. The project underway does not include the cost of sirens but will set a baseline of what would be needed.

- **Integrated Emergency Management Course;** Email announcing the course was included in the meeting packet this is a 4-day course that is highly recommended available in our area hosted by the St. Louis County OEM. This gives local jurisdictions to participate in the integrated course, all are welcome registration link in the email.
- **Task Force 34 Exercise;** This regional exercise series is being coordinated by the Task Force in the St. Louis region starting with a tabletop exercise in the summer of this year, it will be followed by a full-scale exercise in late 2024. Any that would like to participate is welcome, Jefferson County Hazardous Materials will be participating with a possible scenario surrounding the Kimmswick Strawberry Festival.

Commission Members Monthly Reports

Municipal Emergency Management – Patrick Sweeney reported normal operations at this time, they were not affected by the 4/15/23 storms, they did appreciate the reports distributed by the OEM.

Municipal PD – Doug Wendel reported there were minor storm damages to West City Park and West Ridge Subdivision in Festus, mostly trees.

Department of Public Works – Cecil Vivrett reported Highway Department response to storms generated approximately 20 calls, mostly in the Hillsboro area, many were for trees in power lines. The roads were reported to 911 as they were cleared and reopened.

Sheriff's Office – Andy Sides reported that the Sheriff's Office did some windshield damage assessments on various critical facilities during the storm.

Jeffco 911; Tom Nahlik reported that Jeffco 911 went into emergency operations prior to the storm, the response was well coordinated. There was a form that was developed and distributed that could be utilized to report power issues to Ameren, it is still in the working stages but will be an additional way to report powerlines down and power issues. The new radios are almost completely distributed, each radio comes with two batteries, EMS and Law Enforcement have received all of their radios and they are currently working to distribute to Fire, this should be completed by end of month.

Old Business

- **Countywide MOU –** Warren Robinson reported that the Countywide MOU is in first draft, (included in the packet). This MOU is required by FEMA to be in place before a public assistance disaster.
- **Homeless Support Options – County Recovery Plan;** It was reported that the Jefferson County COAD will be updating its Guidelines at the July meeting, there will be a discussion on drafting a COAD Response Plan versus the Guidelines that are currently in place. This would give more structure to the way the group operates during a disaster and would work well in developing the overall Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan. Discussion regarding the New Hope Outreach Center that is planning to open in Hillsboro for the unhoused population. It is unclear if the operation would be able to partner to aid the unhoused during shorter periods of time during disasters and/or periods of extreme weather.

New Business

- **Opioid Settlement Usage Discussion;** Warren Robinson opened the discussion with the “List of Opioid Remediation Uses”, (included in the packet), encouraging agencies to make any recommendation for use of the funding. It was brought up that most of the funding was for treatment options, suggestions for possible transitional housing and transportation with close supervision may be the best way to utilize funding for those who are truly ready to make the transition. This extra support in most cases is what gets individuals past the obstacles that can sometimes send them back into the abuse cycle.

Meeting Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Doug Wendel, seconded by Cecil Vivrett, all approved meeting adjourned 1356.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2023, at 1330, Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management in Herculaneum, MO.