

Emergency Management Commission
Budget Workshop December 29, 2025, 4:35 PM

Attending: Paul Ver Meer, Kristie Nixon, Judy Hopkins, Dennis Brown, Roger Cheers, and Brian Bolton. Nick Pauly from Creston News Advertiser was also present. Absent was representation from Shannon City, Lorimor, Thayer and Creston.

A & B. Brian called the meeting to order at 4:45 PM. Kristie made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Dennis seconded that motion. No further discussion. All in favor, motion carried. (AIF-MC).

C. Roger made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from the regular December 18, 2025 meeting. Dennis seconded. No further discussion. AIF-MC.

D. Paul opened the Budget Workshop.

1. The first item brought up was a line item expense coded to the LEC for the Lorimor Tower LP gas bill. That service is provided by NEW Cooperative. Paul suggested that expense remain as is for the 2026-2027 budget. Then, he will look into changing billing and coding to insert that expense into the Emergency Management budget. The electric service for all the towers was discussed and we realize those billings will come from different suppliers. Dennis asked if bids are requested from area propane suppliers. Paul thought that would be good to do that in the future.

Byron Jimmerson from Clarke County came to assist with the correct format for the budget to be submitted to the state.

Paul then went over each line item in the state approved format with the Commission. Office Reimbursement is rental fees received from Public Health and Environmental Services for their office space in our building.

Duplicate mail service is still a concern and Paul will research the best way to receive all mail.

The line item "New Building" is deemed to be major repairs, etc., to the building on HWY 34. Paul mentioned new sidewalk, balusters around the HVAC unit outside, parking lot painting, etc.

The EMPG application was submitted today for the next year's anticipated receipt.

Dennis made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Judy seconded that motion. No further discussion. AIF-MC.

2. Our next regular meeting will be January 21, 2026 at 4:35 PM. Dennis made a motion to schedule the Budget Public Hearing at 4:45 PM during that meeting. Kristie seconded. No further discussion. AIF-MC. Paul will arrange to get the announcements in the Creston and Afton papers. Two publications must be done not earlier than 20 days before the hearing and not later than 10 days before the hearing. The public notice must also be in a printed version of the newspapers.

E. Brian asked if there is a possibility of receiving the approved EMPG monies soon. Paul explained several states sued FEMA for holding up the approved funds and won the release, but still no receipt. Paul has one more requirement to fulfill the last EMPG grant by the end of February.

F. Roger made a motion to adjourn at 5:15 PM. Kristie seconded that motion. AIF-MC.

Our next regular meeting date will be January 21, 2026, at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

Judy Hopkins