

Emergency Management Commission

6-17-2026 Meeting

4:35 PM

Attending were Glen Hoyt, Paul Ver Meer, Kristi Nixon, Judy Hopkins, Dennis Brown, with Bridget Mitchell via ZOOM. Nick Pauly from the Creston News Advertiser was also in attendance. Missing was representation from Sheriff's Department, Arispe, Lorimor and Creston.

- A. With the absence of Brian, Dennis called the meeting to order at 4:34 PM.*
- B. Glen made a motion to accept the Agenda as presented. Kristi seconded that motion. No discussion. All in favor (AIF), motion carried (MC).*
- C. Bridget made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Glen seconded that motion. No discussion. AIF-MC.*
- D. 1. Paul Ver Meer, Coordinator, reported the SA1-C grant program. The Futurity App (which connects directly to the county Assessor's site for information on properties, descriptions, pictures and values) cannot be downloaded or used on the present equipment of the laptop or iPad for vehicles. We can apply for a grant to replace both of those pieces of equipment and also the tourniquets and bleed kits for law enforcement and EMA inventory. If the purchase is complete before 7-1-2026 the grant would reimburse 100% of our cost. If the purchase is later than that date the reimbursement rate is 50%. The laptop is estimated at \$1500, the iPad at \$700 and the tourniquets and bleed kits would be \$1500. A Budget Amendment can be done if needed to amend the 2025-2026 budget. The Commission decided to vote on the technology equipment separately from the kits.*

Bridget made the motion to order the tourniquets and bleed kits before the 7-1-2026 date and get reimbursed 100% for those purchases. Kristi seconded. No further discussion. AIF-MC.

Glen made the motion to also proceed with the purchase of a new laptop and iPad. Judy seconded that motion. Paul explained the reimbursement

could be less than a month with disaster documentation. No further discussion and AIF-MC.

2. Storm Update – The west side of the county received 80-100 mph winds last Thursday, 6/11/2026. So far, only straight winds have been reported. Paul has drone video of damages and can share with Commission members if they would stop by the office. It is a large download. The Governor of Iowa has issued a disaster proclamation and assistance is available from the state based on household income. Paul has applied to FEMA for federal assistance.

Paul has had no reports of injuries, for which we are grateful. But there is tree damage and building damage across a wide portion of the southern part of our county. Ringgold and Guthrie County EM Coordinators assisted Paul with damage assessment and reporting.

Paul reported the sirens were sounded on the west side of the county and then dispatch lost power. Law enforcement at Afton, Jake McGuire, was notified to sound the alarms in Afton.

Some things learned: The timeline from storm damage happening and turning in assessments of that damage to the state is very short. Paul appreciated the assistance from other county Emergency Coordinators. The issue of setting off all sirens in the county is being evaluated. Kristi noted the Afton City Council likes to set off their own sirens. Kristi also asked about the flash flooding in Creston, particularly at Stalker Chevrolet area. She noted smaller drain pipes were installed when Farm Service prepared their site south. She asked if that may have affected the drainage from the area. Paul thought that would be an IDOT or City of Creston issue.

E. The claims had been passed around the room and after all had a chance to review them, Kristi made a motion to approve the claims. Bridget seconded that motion. No questions or discussion. AIF-MC.

F. Other Items for Discussion Purposes Only:

The 2025 EMPG has been approved. Former Coordinator Jo Duckworth is coming next Thursday to help upload that information.

Paul visited with Atlantic Motorsports and Alliant has already called to purchase and pay for an ATV for the county's use. Paul is hopeful this purchase will complete.

SICOG is warning Paul of a deadline for Shannon City to complete their application for a siren within their city limits. Present Mayor Terry Gilbert is considering resigning his position so Glen Hoyt has stepped in with representing Shannon City on the application. Paul warned of the deadline by the end of this week. Glen was aware.

Kristi asked about the availability of the ROTH ID Tags as she works with Parents as Teachers and has clients interested. Paul explained the Union County Public Health should have the tags.

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2026, at 4:35 PM. Judy made a motion to adjourn. Bridget seconded. No discussion. AIF-MC. Meeting adjourned at 5:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted and approved at EMC Meeting, July 15, 2026,

Judy Hopkins