



MOBILE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 12, 2023

PRESENT:

Chief A. Shayne Lovitte, City of Saraland
Mr. Eddie Kerr, Mobile County
Mr. Ronnie Adair, MCEMA
Mr. Mike Evans, MCEMA
Mrs. Diane Murphy, MCEMA

ABSENT:

Executive Director Lawrence Battiste, City of Mobile

Chief Lovitte called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2023 MINUTES: Mr. Kerr made a motion to approve the March 2023 minutes, which was seconded by Chief Lovitte. The minutes were approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2023 CHECK REGISTERS: Chief Lovitte inquired about payments made to Motorola and Patricia Creamer. After the explanation, Mr. Kerr made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Chief Lovitte. The March check registers were approved.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2023 FINANCIAL REPORTS: Chief Lovitte asked about pro-rata payments from Mt. Vernon and Prichard. Mr. Kerr then made a motion to approve the financial reports. Chief Lovitte seconded the motion, and the March financial reports were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Warehouse Construction Project: Pay Request #2 – The slab is ready, but the project is on hold as some parts of the building are on backorder. After reviewing Pay Request #2, Chief Lovitte made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Kerr. The payment will be made from the Emergency Reserve checking account.
- Siren Removal Project – As of last Monday, there has not been much movement. This is because WRICO's warehouse flooded, and their crane is out of service waiting for repair parts. We will follow up if there is no response soon.
- NOAA Sidewalk Project – Paul Lewis should have a proposal for the sidewalks in two weeks. He is also working on the awning information.
- EOP Promulgation Page – It has been signed by Mobile County Commission President Hudson and signed today by Director Adair, Chief Lovitte, and Mr. Kerr. Mr. Evans will have it signed by Director Battiste.

- LEPC Report – The next quarterly meeting will be held in April, so a report will be made at our May meeting.
- Safer Places Initiative – The Memorandum of Understanding and contract are being reviewed by Jay Ross. A revised version has been emailed and will be reviewed for the follow-up meeting with Commission Ludgood.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Authority Annual Meeting (League of Municipalities) – There have been several discussions about an Authority meeting. Mayor Rubenstein has Mobile County EMA on the agenda for the League of Municipalities June meeting. There are two items on our agenda: a discussion of the upcoming hurricane season and holding a concise Authority meeting. Going forward, MCEMA could host one of their regular meetings here to include the MCEMA staff.

Mr. Evans and Mr. Cooper will be attending a meeting tomorrow night in Africatown which is being hosted by the AL Dept. of Transportation. The citizens have requested a discussion of what would happen here if there were a train derailment like what happened recently in Ohio. EMA will discuss how the various agencies work together during an incident. Mr. Charlie McNichol is the keynote speaker and will discuss the various emergency alert systems. The NWS weather radio will be added to our EMA app soon. Chief Lovitte requested that we investigate moving the radar button, as it is difficult to find.

- Personnel Actions – There is a Plans & Operations Officer I position that is vacant and our last certification list has been extended for six months. The list contains some good candidates so the interview process will begin soon. Mr. Adair stated the Plans & Operations position is covered in the budget. By June, all new hires will be off their probationary period.

Mr. Adair announced he is retiring this summer, around the July timeframe. Chief Lovitte congratulated him and said he would like to have a retirement celebration. It was agreed the vacant Director position should be an internal promotion. Mr. Kerr suggested temporarily creating a second Director position so hiring and training could take place and eliminate a period of time without a director. Chief Lovitte asked Mr. Adair to discuss with the Personnel Board and advise if the Executive Committee needs to submit the request.

There are two bills being discussed in this legislative session: one to allow a jurisdiction to opt out of the Mobile County Personnel Board and another to opt out of the recruitment/hiring process to allow for handling in-house. The second one is called the “compromise” bill and is supported by the MCPB.

ADJOURNMENT: The next meeting will be held on May 10th, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. With no further business to be discussed, Chief Lovitte made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kerr and the meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

APPROVED AND SIGNED THIS 10th DAY OF May 2023:

 
 