

Poweshiek County Emergency Management Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday January 21, 2026 6PM Malcom Auditorium & Zoom

Meeting called to order at 1800.

Members present are BoS, Brooklyn, Grinnell, Guernsey, Hartwick, Malcom, Montezuma, Sheriff, and EMA. No guests or public present.

Motion to approve tonight's agenda was entertained. Motion made by Sheriff, seconded by Montezuma. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Previous minutes were read. No changes or corrections noted. Motion entertained to approve the previous minutes. Motion made by Sheriff, seconded by Guernsey. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING-FY27 BUDGET

Motion was entertained to go into public comment and FY27 budget hearing and adoption. Motion made by BoS, seconded by Guernsey. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Public hearing entered at 1802.

EMA stated the budget was published in the Grinnell Herald Register, Poweshiek CR, and Montezuma Record during the week of January 5th and has on file proof of publications and affidavits as record. This meets the publication notice requirements of no less than 10 days before the meeting and no more than 20 days before the meeting. EMA reviewed the budget as published with Commission and all agreed it was accurate and published as agreed in the workshop.

No other comments, no public inquiries or questions.

Motion was entertained to close public comment and hearing for FY27 budget. Motion made by Guernsey, seconded by BoS. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Public hearing closed at 1807.

With 8 of 10 voting members present, the Commission has a full quorum for adopting and certifying the FY27 EMA budget. Motion was entertained to adopt and certify the FY27 EMA Commission budget as published. Motion made by Sheriff, seconded by Hartwick. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. FY27 EMA budget is certified and adopted. Signatures obtained by Commission Chair and EMA. EMA will send budget to the county Auditor.

OLD BUSINESS

EMA stated the HMP update is moving along, Phase 1 is complete and Phase 2 is in progress. More surveys have gone out, be sure to complete those for your jurisdictions so

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we can remain on schedule. Please check your spam folders as some of the surveys have reportedly gone to spam boxes. EMA has updated Two Rivers with the new Mayors, so be watching for those surveys.

EMA stated the new truck order was placed on 12/19. Once in production it will take 4-6 weeks to produce then it will be delivered. Production is expected to be done by early to mid-February with delivery to Karl EV after. Current lead time for upfit is 3 months, so expected completion time is around mid to late May.

EMA provided no update on lake area cell service.

NEW BUSINESS

December Claims and budget were reviewed. Line item descriptions were explained in detail. Overall 40.59% remains in the budget. No questions or concerns from the Commission. Motion to approve the December claims and budget was entertained. Motion made by Sheriff, seconded by Hartwick. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Chair and Vice Chair position nominations from last month were discussed. Dawn Hamilton from Malcom has been nominated and accepted nomination for Chair position. No other nominations were made. Motion was made by Hartwick to name Dawn Hamilton Mayor of Malcom as EMC Chair, seconded by Montezuma. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed. Sheriff Matt Maschmann was nominated as Vice Chair. Sheriff has accepted the nomination. No other nominations made. Motion was made by Hartwick to name Sheriff Matt Maschmann as Vice Chair. Seconded by Montezuma, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed. EMC Commission Chair is Mayor Hamilton from Malcom and Vice Chair is Sheriff Maschmann.

OTHER DISCUSSION

EMA stated the 5 county disaster task force is conducting a functional exercise on March 10th in Newton at DMACC. The exercise will be based on an active threat at Co-Line south of Sully. The functional exercise is the next step from the tabletop exercise earlier in the year and will lead up to a full scale exercise in June.

NEXT MEETING

February 18th, 2026 6PM Malcom and Zoom

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn entertained. Motion made by Montezuma, seconded by Sheriff. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1831.

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