



## MOBILE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 9, 2022

#### **PRESENT:**

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

#### **ABSENT:**

Executive Director Lawrence Battiste, City of Mobile

Chief Lovitte called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2022 MINUTES:** Mr. Kerr made a motion to approve the January 2022 minutes; Chief Lovitte seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2022 CHECK REGISTERS:** Mr. Kerr made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Chief Lovitte. The January check registers were approved.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2022 FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Mr. Kerr made a motion to approve the financial reports. Chief Lovitte seconded the motion, and the January financial reports were approved.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- COVID-19 Ongoing – Everything is trending down right now, and we are waiting to see how Mardi Gras affects the trend. No other news.
- EOP Update – Since the agreement was signed by the Mobile County Commission, Mr. Evans has reached out to Kyle McPhee with Hagerty and forwarded an addendum from the County. Once this addendum is signed and returned, Mr. McPhee will build out a timeline of the project. Within the next two months, there should be a kickoff meeting.
- Public Siren Media Campaign – Tad Denson, Airwind Creative, almost has the short video finished and ready for review. Sharee Broussard and Anitra Henderson are getting the video segments from the public officials completed. March 1<sup>st</sup> is the goal for getting the first announcement out. The plan is to do follow-ups with updates on how many sirens are no longer functioning. This may take up to two years for all sirens to be gone.

Mr. Evans added that some sirens just do not work. We receive an Alabama Power bill for siren power usage, and he has identified 19 sirens on this bill that do not work. Mr. Evans asked for the Committee's opinion on disconnecting power to these 19 sirens. There is also a communication issue with the sirens which began when some equipment was removed from 348 North McGregor Avenue. The encoder located at Mobile Communications cannot communicate with the sirens. We have an encoder and are now waiting on Mobilcomm to come to replace it. Chief Lovitte asked about the feasibility of taking the 19 sirens down after power is disconnected. Mr. Evans will ask Mobilcomm to give us a quote on the removal and get that process started. It may have to be bid if that many are removed at one time. There was a general discussion of how to remove the sirens and poles and what to do with them. It was agreed that the power should be disconnected from the 19 non-working sirens and to ask Mobilcomm for a price on removal.



- Storage Building Construction Project – Mr. Brannan that one company attended the pre-bid meeting yesterday. We will contract for Professional Services with Harrison Construction. They will draw the plans, handle bids, and everything necessary for the project so EMA will only have to accept the low bidder and move forward with the project.
- Security Camera/Access Points Upgrade – The conduit is now in place to run power. South Alabama Electric will be here next week to wire everything in. Then the project will proceed.
- COVID-19 HMGP Update – There are three applications submitted: City of Saraland, Saraland Water and Sewer, and Satsuma Water and Sewer. It needs to be verified with AEMA that this is 5% grant funding.



**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Personnel Actions – The Emergency Preparedness Plans & Operations Officer I position is open until February 15<sup>th</sup>. This was to fill a position that has been vacant for some time. Since the last meeting, Will Sellers, Plans & Ops II, has resigned effective February 25, 2022. As the interviews are conducted, two candidates will be identified in order to fill both positions.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The next meeting will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. With no further business to be discussed, Chief Lovitte made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kerr, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVED AND SIGNED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March, 2022:

  
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