

Black Hawk County Emergency Management Commission Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Held at Black Hawk County Emergency Management Office

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Chair Kobliska

Roll Call of Members Present: Black Hawk County Board of Supervisors(Primary and alternate), Dunkerton, Cedar Falls, Evansdale, Gilbertville, Hudson, La Porte City, Waterloo.

Visitors Present: Michelle Weidner, Director of Finance for Black Hawk County. Craig Clark, City of Cedar Falls Administrator; Deputy Alex Smock, Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office Drone Team; Julie Eastman, City Clerk with the City of Hudson.

Motion to approve the agenda, Motion by Dunkerton, seconded by Gilbertville, all ayes.

Motion to approve meeting minutes for May, motion by Dunkerton, seconded by Evansdale, all ayes.

Coordinator Benson and Preparedness Specialist Mayner's reports were both sent to the Commission via email.

Motion by Dunkerton, seconded by Cedar Falls, to place those reports on file, all ayes.

Old Business

1. Drone Update - Deputy Smock reported that Sheriff Neff has approved the purchase of an indoor drone. An approved grant will fund the purchase of vehicle vaults and video screens for drone team vehicles, outfitting two deputies' vehicles. Community Day will be in October and will be held at the Sheriff's Office Range. Coordinator Benson provided a briefing on the exercise organized by the Drone Team, which focused on search-and-rescue missions with boat crews and drone operations. The exercise was held in Buchanan County, with multiple organizations attending the training.

2. Update on EMPG Grants 2025 and 2026 - Coordinator Benson stated that EMPG 2025 grant funds have finally been received after submitting quarterly reports. The delay was not due to actions by the EMA office or Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management; it was at the Federal level. Coordinator Benson also stated that all EMA offices across the State are awaiting the award of EMPG 2026.

New Business

1. Office update proposal

a. Funding request for Office Painting-Coordinator Benson requested funds for the EMA office to be painted by a contractor. Discussion was held; Mayor Bosen made a motion for \$500 to go towards paint and supplies for the EMA office. Mayor Bosen also stated in his motion to call and speak with the Waterloo Fire Chief to have an Engine Crew come out and paint the EMA Office. Second by Dunkerton, all ayes

b. Flooring- office flooring will be handled by Waterloo Fire budget; no further action will be required. The carpet will be removed, and the floor will be sealed.

2. Review and signature of NextEra Duane Arnold Black Hawk County EMA funding agreement-Coordinator Benson advised those in attendance that this is an agreement that all counties participating with NextEra DAEC have had their county attorneys review. No counties have had any questions or complaints about the agreement, and it has been signed by all counties but us so far. Motion by Dunkerton to have Mike Trenian, seconded by Evansdale, to review the document; all ayes.

Items for General Discussion- introduction of the new Cedar Falls City Administrator, Craig Clark. Preparedness Mayner provided an overview of the Stop the Bleed program for community gathering locations highlighted by HHS.

Motion to Adjourn by Gilbertville, seconded by Dunkerton, at 3:41 PM

The next Meeting will be on October 15, 2026, @ 3 PM at the Black Hawk County EMA Office.