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LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

June 8, 2005 – 3:30 P.M.

PIERCE COUNTY COURTHOUSE LUNCHROOM, ELLSWORTH, WI

PRESENT: Gary Brown, Mike Lansing, Mark Kimball, Matthew Perenchio, Opal Darr, Everett Muhlhausen, Jeff Rixmann, Dale Hines, Caralynn Hodgson, Mike Knoll and Melissa Thoen.

The meeting was called to order by, Chairman, Mike Lansing, at 3:30 P.M.

Minutes of the July 14, 2004 meeting were approved on a motion by Opal and seconded by Dale. Motion carried.

Gary mentioned the Pierce County Fair dates are August 11th – 14th. A sign up sheet will be in the Emergency Management office, call and sign up for any times available. Starting Thursday morning at 11:00 A.M. and ending Sunday evening at 5:00 P.M. Again this year we will share a tent with the Sheriff's Department and EMS.

Everett Muhlhausen had to leave the meeting at 3:55 P.M.

Mike Knoll came in around this time.

Review and take action on recommendations on purchases for the 2005 Homeland Security Grant. Prior to the meeting, Gary Brown, Mike Lansing and Opal Darr reviewed the requests from those organizations that requested equipment.

Homeland Security dollars are extremely lower this year than in the previous two years. Opal was curious as to the total of the previous four years and Gary stated it was in the range of \$440,000, although that number is not exact. The list of requests for equipment was handed out. The requests are significantly fewer than in previous years, but Gary said that he had sent a letter to all the organizations letting them know that the available funds have decreased from previous years and so the requests should be kept to necessary items. The Emergency Management Department had a request for a Command Post Trailer. This led to a discussion on what is needed in the county as far as communication equipment. There was a lengthy discussion on radio capabilities and requirements to meet certain standards.

After a discussion on the Command Post Trailer and communication equipment, it was determined that there was not an agreement on what is to be purchased with the Homeland Security Grant this year. Gary suggested that another meeting should be scheduled. No action was taken and this was tabled until the next meeting.

During the open forum, Mike Knoll stated that he had spoken to Ron Anderson and he feels Pierce County needs to give an answer to the 11 county alliance regarding the Interoperability Grant so they know if we will be participating.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, 2005 at 3:30 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M. on a motion by Mike Lansing, seconded by Mark. Motion carried.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

July 6, 2005 – 3:30 P.M.

PIERCE COUNTY COURTHOUSE EOC, ELLSWORTH, WI

PRESENT: Gary Brown, Mike Lansing, Matthew Perenchio, Opal Darr, Everett Muhlhausen, Jeff Rixmann, Dale Hines, Caralynn Hodgson, Wes Halverson, Greg Place and Melissa Thoen

The meeting was called to order by, Chairman, Mike Lansing, at 3:30 P.M.

Minutes of the June 8, 2005 meeting were approved on a motion by Opal and seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

The membership list was reviewed and those whose term was up in 2005 were renewed for another term. A motion was made by Opal to renew these members, seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

Dale made a motion to remove Bernard Drewiske from the member list, as he has passed away. Motion was seconded by Opal, motion carried.

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Opal asked Everett if the video of the Meth presentation would be shown. Everett said that due to the length of the video and the lack of seating at the tent in the fairgrounds, he did not feel that was the place to show it. He did say there would be shorter videos and brochures at the fair.

Review and take action on recommendations on purchases for the 2005 Homeland Security Grant. Prior to the meeting, Gary Brown, Mike Lansing and Opal Darr reviewed the requests from those organizations that requested equipment. The recommendation was made to use \$25,000.00 of the grant to fund what is left of the ACU 1000 system/project. Approximately \$3,297 would go to Prescott Fire for three truck mounted GPS units and then the remainder would go to Elmwood Public Works for the base radio they are requesting.

There was much discussion on the ACU 1000 and what it does. Everett talked about the fact that communication with cars from MN is needed and this can connect the two different frequencies. Jeff asked what is currently used. Mike asked if there are other counties who have this system. While St. Croix County is looking into this, they do not have it at this time.

There was discussion as to where the equipment is located. Jeff was concerned about where it would be housed and doesn't feel it should be in Ellsworth in case of a local disaster. Jeff also stated that he talked to other individuals from various agencies and they are concerned about future updates and things that will be added onto this and how it could end up that the County keeps getting these Homeland Security Dollars. It was again stated that this is the final part of the ACU 1000 and it is really used for all those in the county so they can communicate better. A motion was made by Greg to approve the recommendations, seconded by Dale. Motion carried.

The next meeting will not be scheduled for at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 P.M. on a motion by Opal Darr, seconded by Greg. Motion carried.

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

JULY 11, 2005

PIERCE COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER, ELLSWORTH, WISCONSIN

PRESENT: Gary Brown, Greg Kerr, John Kucinski, Dale Hines and Melissa Thoen

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Greg Kerr at 5:05 P.M.

Minutes of May 24, 2005 meeting were approved on a motion by John Kucinski and seconded by Greg Kerr. Motion carried.

Discussed/take action on the Homeland Security Grant for 2005 and what was requested from the various agencies. Dale was representing the LEPC at this meeting and he stated their recommendations as to what should be purchased with the Homeland Security Grant. Gary stated that the county has most of the equipment for the ACU 1000 and the \$25,000.00 that is being requested would be to complete the project. This will be mounted in the Sheriff Department Command Vehicle, but will be beneficial to all agencies in the area. The other two items that the LEPC recommends purchasing are the three (3) truck mounted GPS units, which were requested by Prescott Fire & Rescue, and then the Base Radio requested by Elmwood Public Works Department. A motion was made by John to accept the recommendations made by the LEPC and seconded by Greg Kerr. Motion carried

Discuss/take action on participation in the West Central Interoperability Alliance Grant. Gary talked about what this is and what dollar amount would be required from Pierce County if we decide to participate. Greg feels this may need to be discussed in Personnel and Finance. He also wants to know where the money required for Pierce County will come from. Greg suggested that Gary get together with Mike Knoll and put something together showing the benefits versus the costs of getting/not getting this system. Greg said he wants to defer action at this time. No action taken.

Discussion on the KI Issue – Any state that has radiological incidents of a Nuclear Power Plant can get Potassium Iodide tablets. These tablets protect only the thyroid and it has been our position to not hand these out, but with Minnesota deciding to give it to their residents, it could cause issues for us down the road. John said he feels that they aren't going to do a whole lot of good and this is more of a political issue than anything. Gary said that at some point a decision would need to be made in regards to this. He will keep the committee informed on this topic.

The Pierce County Fair is August 11-14. We will be sharing space with the Sheriff's Department again this year. If anyone would have some free time to sit in the booth and talk to people, it would be greatly

appreciated. Greg said we should send Rod a note regarding the fair.

Announcements. The Budgets are being worked on at this time. Gary said he is still negotiating with Prairie Island for a half dozen more sirens throughout the county. John suggests we put a notice out to residents and put something in the paper if these sirens get installed so people are aware, as this would be a significant cost savings to the county.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2005 at 7:30 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M. on a motion by John Kucinski and seconded by Greg Kerr.
Motion carried.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 8, 2005
PIERCE COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER, ELLSWORTH, WISCONSIN**

PRESENT: Gary Brown, Greg Kerr, John Kucinski, Rod Rommel Mike Knoll and Melissa Thoen

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Greg Kerr at 7:30 A.M.

Minutes of July 11, 2005 meeting were approved on a motion by Rod, and seconded by Greg Kerr.
Motion carried.

Discussed/take action on participation in the West Central Interoperability Alliance Grant. This is comprised of 12 counties. Mike Knoll was present to discuss this topic. If Pierce County participates, we would be responsible for 25% of the finds needed. Gary said he feels it is worthy, but we need funding and the deadline is drawing near. Mike said he had reservations at one time, but asked questions and now he feels it is a good program and he no longer has any doubts about being part of the Grant. The committee said they would like to cap funding at \$27,084.38 and want this to be taken out of 2005 contingency funds. A motion was made to forward this on the Personnel and Finance by Rod, seconded by John.

Motion
carried.

Discuss/take action on 2006 Budgets. Gary went over all the budgets. Most of the Emergency Management Budgets are reimbursed and so little if any county money is used. A motion was made to approve the budgets by John, seconded by Rod. Motion carried.

Discuss/take action on modification of 2005 Homeland Security Grant. Gary said there were some questions about possible changes to what would be purchased with the grant money. At this time we don't have all the answers. This will be deferred until/if necessary. No action taken.

Discuss/take action on approval of review of Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for Pierce County. This is a Federal requirement in order to obtain funding for any future disasters that may occur. A copy of the Hazard Mitigation Plan was handed out for review. There is no financial cost to the county to approve as a resolution, however it is something that will need to be done. A motion to approve and send to the Full County Board was mad by Rod and seconded by John. Motion carried.

Review KI Issue. At this time Minnesota is still going forward with providing KI to the residents. There is nothing else to discuss on this matter at this time.

Announcements. Many people have been calling Gary wondering how they can help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Gary has contacted both Red Cross and Salvation Army and they both are asking that people make financial contributions rather that supplies. The materials and supplies are difficult and costly to distribute and it is much more efficient to take the money and purchase exactly what the victims need. Greg said he would like this written up and handed out to the Board members so they know what stand Pierce County is taking.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 8th, 2005 at 7:30A.M. in the EOC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 A.M. on a motion by Rod and seconded by John. Motion carried.

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