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Health & Welfare  
Committee Meeting  
April 2, 2012 / 6:00 P.M.

APPROVED

5-7-12

Members Present: JoAnn Blankenship, Ronnie Trivett, Ken Arney, Robert Gobble, Buford Peters, Richard Winters, Scott Sams, L.C. Tester.

All members present. Commissioner John Lewis, news media and other concerned citizens were in attendance also.

Everyone was welcomed as the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson JoAnn Blankenship noting that quorum was present.

Motion was made by L.C. Tester, seconded by Robert Gobble to approve the minutes of the last meeting, March 5, 2012 as printed. All ayes, motion carried.

EMA Director, Andrew Worley reported concerning a Mass Alert System. Mr. Worley stated that several aspects had been reviewed and FEMD is preparing to begin an Integrated Public Alert and Warning System(IPAWS) which will combine several different types of alerts. It was noted that this was still in the planning stages and the cost of the software for this program was in the "ballpark" of \$ 3,000.00 to \$ 5,000.00. Mr. Worley stated that he would be checking into additional aspects of this system and follow-up with a report back to the committee.

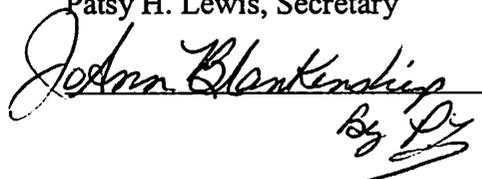
Discussion followed concerning storm shelter needs and storm warnings. Concerns were voiced as to what preparation needed to be done pre-storm warning and following storms. The idea of having shelters pre-destinated in the county was discussed, however it was noted that insurance issues could be a factor in setting these areas up. It was also discussed the need for generators in such shelters should power be off. The need for warning of a potential flooding in the county was determined to be a need also. EMA Director, Andrew Worley stated that all of these issues would be checked into.

Chairperson, JoAnn Blankenship updated the committee concerning upcoming events at the Carter County Health Department and urged all to attend. A report is forthcoming concerning the national ranking of the Health Department.

Health Department renovations is nearing completion with the flooring to be installed 04-13-2012 and completion within five to six weeks with some scheduling changed being necessary due to the work being done.

Being that there was no additional business or public comments at this time, motion to adjourn was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Ken Arney. All ayes, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Patsy H. Lewis, Secretary

 , JoAnn Blankenship, Chairperson  
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