



BLUE EARTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD WORK SESSION
AGENDA
JANUARY 10, 2023

LOCATION:
FIREPLACE ROOM,
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE

9:00 AM

1. Public Works Shop Update
Mr. John Pristash, Pristash Construction
2. Emergency Management Planning (1)
Mr. Jeff Wersal, Sheriff
3. Ordinance Amendment Bluff Standards
Mr. Scott Salsbury, Senior Land Use Specialist
Mr. Mark Manderfeld, Deputy Director – Property Assessments
4. Landfill Update
Mr. Michael Stalberger, Property & Environmental Resources Director
5. County Administration
Mr. Robert Meyer, County Administrator
 - Legislative Priorities (2)
 - Other

11:30 A.M.

Lunch at Blue Bricks, Mankato
Public Invited to Attend

BLUE EARTH COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION PAPER January 10, 2023

Purpose of Emergency Management: To ensure, through coordination with County and Local partners that the County is prepared to respond to, and recover from, all-natural and man-made emergencies. Emergency Management will provide the leadership and support to reduce the loss of life and property through an all-hazards emergency management program of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

Emergency preparedness requires attention not to just specific types of hazards but also to steps that increase preparedness for any type of hazard. Specific hazards that we need to be aware of and understand include Bioterrorism, Mass Casualties, Chemical Emergencies, Natural Disasters, Severe Weather, Radiation Emergencies, and Natural or Man-made Disease Outbreaks.

The Emergency Management Director & Team, are responsible for developing, managing, coordinating, and integrating the County's emergency and contingency planning efforts, including development and implementation of the County's primary plans:

- Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and associated annexes;
- All-Hazard Mitigation Plan (AHMP);
- Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP); and
- Community Recovery Plan

Other secondary plans include Fatality Management, Family Assistance Center (FAC), Family Reunification Centers and supporting public health planning & response efforts.

Other responsibilities include compliance with federal, state, and local emergency management mandates, program requirements, and grant programs; developing, managing and implementing emergency management training & exercises; management of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC); relationship development with local elected officials including cities and townships plus emergency responders of police, fire, and EMS; media relations; building partnerships and promoting corporate, family and personal disaster preparedness; and providing assistance and seeking solutions to community challenges that do not rise to the level of a disaster (i.e. large events, major employment sectors, and vulnerable populations).



2023 Blue Earth County

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

GENERAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT



County Program Aid: Support increasing County Program Aid (CPA) and index appropriation level for inflation.



Driver's License Fees: Set driver's license agent fees to fully cover the issuance costs for REAL-ID compliant licenses.



Housing Investments: Support of state investments across the housing spectrum to include: workforce, affordable, senior and transitional.

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Comprehensive Transportation Funding: Transportation funding that is balanced, sustainable and dedicated and includes new revenue for roads, bridges, and transit.



Local Bridge Replacement Program: Appropriate \$200 million in bonds for the Bridge Replacement Program to support over 200 bridges within Blue Earth County.

HUMAN SERVICES



Human Services Systems Modernization: Collaboration between DHS and counties to modernize and simplify service delivery and enhance technology for Human Services programs.



Behavioral Health Continuum of Care: Support a statewide effort to develop an accessible and reliable continuum of care that meets community needs.



Modify Human Services Financing: Eliminate/reduce County Cost Shares and eliminate/modify Maintenance of Efforts.

PUBLIC SAFETY



Community Supervision: Supports change to the funding model with an increase of state appropriations for Probation Services.