

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ACCEM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
ADA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
7200 BARRISTER DRIVE
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER**

JANUARY 16, 2017

****SUMMARY MINUTES****

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Jim Tibbs, Commissioner, Ada County, **Chair**
Rick Visser, Commissioner, Ada County
Joe Stear, Mayor, City of Kuna
Kent Goldthorpe, Commissioner, Ada County Highway
District
John Evans, Mayor, City of Garden City
Stan Ridgeway, Mayor, City of Eagle
Elaine Clegg, Councilperson, City of Boise

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Bieter, Mayor, City of Boise
Tammy de Weerd, Mayor, City of Meridian

OTHERS ATTENDING: Doug Hardman, Ada County Emergency Management
Larry Maneely, BOCC Administration
Paul Marusich, Ada County Emergency Management
Joe Lombardo, Ada County Emergency Management
Sue Axtman, Ada County Emergency Management
Dennis Lawson, Ada County Emergency Management
Tim Morgan, Ada County Highway District
Eugene Smith, Boise City Police Department
Perry Oldenburg, Boise City Fire Department
Jeff Lavey, Meridian City Police Department
Gen. Brad Richy, Idaho Office of Emergency
Management
Jay Breidenbach, Northwest Weather Service

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tibbs called the special meeting to order at 3:00 PM. He then provided a brief update on what lead up to holding the special meeting. Then the meeting was turned over to Doug Hardman.

Under the direction of the Chairman Doug shared that the meeting would be conducted informally and items did not have to be addressed in the order identified on the agenda.

I. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Incoming Weather – National Weather Service Update

Jay Breidenbach, NWS, began his weather briefing by acknowledging ACEM for being their ambassadors for getting weather related information out to the public. He went on to say that the modeling is very challenging right now because of the inversion, but they are currently anticipating 4-8” of new snow from Wednesday through Thursday. There is also the possibility of a rain snow mix, as previously stated, the modeling is very challenging. He shared that this has been the snowiest season (Dec 1-Jan. 11) since 1892. It is anticipated that this winter weather will continue for the next 2-3 weeks.

B. Roads & Bridges – Ada County Highway District

Kent Goldthorpe, ACHD Commissioner, provided information pertinent to their operations. He said that they have been running 24/7 since the onset of the first storm in December. He provided equipment numbers to the group along with information related to contractors brought on to help address snow removal efforts. They have been working with the cities to address issues to ensure there is no repeat of negativity related to services provided. Currently ACHD has expended 3-4 million on weather related events. ACHD will incorporate lessons learned from these events to develop stronger contracting practices for the future.

Tim Morgan, ACHD, went through ACHD’s priorities that are identified in their policies and procedures of which they will be adhering to. He noted that residential plowing has never occurred in the history of ACHD, but the contractors brought on have been and will continue to assist in that area.

John Evans, Garden City Mayor, asked if the cities should continue whatever individual efforts that have been utilized to date. Tim stated that would be advisable, but would like to get updates of those activities.

C. Local and Regional Disaster Declarations

Doug asked those in attendance to forward to the BOCC and ACEM their disaster declarations. He shared that ACEM EOC has been operating under partial activation for some time and also established a virtual Joint Information Center to ensure consistent messaging to the public. He also told them that Ada County would be making sand and sandbags available at Barber Park and Expo Idaho. General Richey shared some thoughts on setting up an Incident Management and Support Team and informed attendees that the federal threshold for a presidential declaration was 2.2 million for the state and 1.4 million for Ada County.

D. City Updates

Elain Clegg, Boise City Councilperson, inquired about the need for Multiagency Communication and shared what their contracted resources consisted of. She also shared the city’s priorities and stated that they wanted to work with ACHD to develop plans that would address bus routes and residential areas. Still ongoing issues with sidewalks, crosswalks, and

access to public transit. Chairman Tibbs stated that he believes ACEM should be involved in coordinated efforts.

Jeff Lavey, Meridian Chief of Police, went over the city's concerns with the group asking ACHD to continue to work with them to address these issues of which Tim Morgan said ACHD would. He also stated that they have concerns related to the potential of the sewage treatment plant flooding due to ice build-up on manhole covers.

Chairman Tibbs asked if there were any planning meetings scheduled by the cities and requested that ACEM staff attend to obtain broader situational awareness. Both Meridian and Boise shared that they did have meetings scheduled soon and would include ACEM.

Stan Ridgeway, Eagle Mayor, stated that the city's biggest issue is drainage problems due to drains not being located at the lowest point of the street.

A brief discussion about getting preparedness information out to subdivisions and HOA's might be helpful.

Perry Oldenburg, Boise Fire, said that due to fire hydrants being buried by snow/ice they are dispatching an additional fire truck on all calls.

E. Discussion of Future Operations and Coordination

Everyone is taking a wait and see approach to future operations and coordination.

II. ADJOURNMENT 4:45

Chairman Tibbs adjourned the meeting.