



CUSTER COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

April 17, 2024

Custer County LEPC met at the Custer County EOC/Weatherford Fire Training Center, 1605 N Airport Rd, Weatherford, OK. The meeting was called to order by Michael Galloway, LEPC Chairman at 10:00 a.m. Sign in sheets were placed at the entrance to the meeting for all to sign.

Mr. Galloway began the meeting by having attendees introduce themselves and state the organization being represented.

Mr. Galloway introduced those attending to the Emergency Operations Center for Custer County which is located at 1605 N Airport Road, Weatherford. The EOC is shared by Custer County and Weatherford Emergency Management. The big advantage is its located close to I-40, near truck stops, hotels and restaurants that all have independent generators. The hope is to get the EOC on its own generator. Mike Karlin, Weatherford Fire Chief said that is in the works. The EOC area may also become Fire Station #2 at some later time

Sandy Settle, ESF8 with the State Health Department stated that the Health Department has expended 156 Covid vaccines, 333 flu doses and 639 Clinical Services between Custer County's two Health Departments, Clinton and Weatherford and services approximately 28,513 Custer County residents. Mike Galloway asked about the time frame for the Weatherford Health Department being moved to the SWOSU campus. Sandy indicated that it will depend on SWOSU having the facility built. The Health Department is involved in the Food Pantry drive and CPR certifications. There will be a CPR class on July 5, 2024 in Clinton.

Mr. Galloway asked for any training upcoming. It was noted as follows: April 23 Regional Medical Planning Group/Health Care Coalition Meeting, Woodward; BLS/CPR class – July 5 in Clinton; EM/OK State Department of Health – All-Hazards Position Specific Training at Rober R Lester Training Center, Oklahoma City - May 6-10 Situation Unit Leader; June 10-14 Type 3 AHIMT; June 18-21 Resource Unit Leader and June 24-28 Safety Officer; May 16-17 – fire Training Conference at the Weatherford Fire/EOC – after the ending of this training there will be an evening get together at JC Cowboys, Weatherford; May 1-2 Radio Class at the Arrowhead Center @ Elk City – sign up on the Homeland Security website; May 15-18 DEQ Haz-WOPPER training and refresher; May 16-18 Weatherford Mid-Year First Responder and Leadership Training Conference, SWOSU Wellness Center.

For the Whole Community Planning Group, Mr. Galloway stated that the ESF groups help with the County Hazard Mitigation plan. Mr. Galloway has conducted meetings with various groups and municipalities to work on the Hazard Mitigation plan. The Custer County Hazard Mitigation

Plan was being updated through the State Office. Mr. Galloway is now working with Lauree Marshal from Yukon on the County Hazard Mitigation Plan. With the Hazard Mitigation Plan approved, this opens the for future mitigation project grants. Some of the Hazard Mitigation Projects have been generators at both County Health Departments; updated storm sirens; a community safe room at Butler, OK; safe room at Clinton School Daycare. Mr. Galloway stated that several schools have included safe rooms in their school bond requests to the voters which does play a part in passage of the bond. SWOSU has a generator at its Student Union, Weatherford has a generator for its water wells. Town of Arapaho has placed generators for all of its town service sites. DOT and the Veterans Center each have large generators.

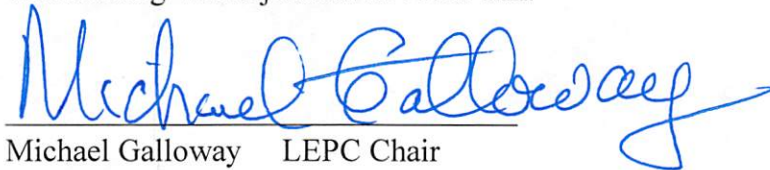
Mr. Galloway reported to the attendees that the Custer County 2021-2022 Individual Safe Room program is in completion work. Mr. Galloway stated that he has been given approval to include the remaining alternates. Mr. Galloway stated that he has final approval from FEMA and OEM to proceed with the final applicants' safe room projects. The final 6 applicants have been notified to go forward. There is already a list of people who want to be on the next Saferoom Grant.

Those attending may tour the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Mr. Galloway informed those attending of his plans to retire sometime in 2024 and during this time, new officers must be decided. The By-Laws state there must be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Please consider these positions.

Lauree Beth Marshall of L. E. Marshall Consulting LLC presented a discussion of her work on the Custer County Hazard Mitigation plan. She stated how she began her business and what entities she has worked with on their Hazard Mitigation plans. She took discussion of various aspects of different projects that can be added. She gave a short explanation of BRIC – Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities – there is am Technical Assistance Request Form – FEMA Form FF-206-FY-22-155 found on the FEMA website. Ms. Marshall stated that once the Hazard Mitigation Plan is updated, it should be updated yearly as projects are finished and additional projects can be added. She and Mr. Galloway have met with representatives of Arapaho and Custer City. They plan on meeting with other city/town representatives as well as school officials for their input. Her goal is September of 2024 as completion of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.


Michael Galloway LEPC Chair

The meeting dates for 2024 are as follows: January 17th, April 17th, July 17th, and October 16th. If you cannot attend, please send a representative.