

Staff Report

Subject: Renewal of the MOU with Effingham County Board of Education for the use of schools as disaster shelters.

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Item Description: Consideration to renew the MOU with Effingham County Board of Education for the use of schools as disaster shelters

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval.

Executive Summary/Background:

- The County currently has an MOU in place with the Board of Education which provides Effingham County Emergency Management Agency access to six (6) schools for the purpose of disaster shelters. The term of the MOU is June 19th 2012 to June 18th 2013 after which it will renew annually unless cancelled
- The purpose of this MOU is to establish the terms and conditions under which the Effingham County School facilities may be used as critical workforce shelters, post event shelters and/or points of distribution when requested by the emergency management agency of Effingham County. The agreement also encompasses the parking if equipment and supplies accompany the personnel.
- This MOU is an essential part of the Effingham County Hazard Mitigation and Emergency Operations Plan.
- The County Attorney has previously reviewed and approved to form the lease agreement.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Board approval to allow the MOU with Effingham County Board of Education for the use of six (6) schools for the purpose of disaster shelters to automatically renew for the period June 19, 2024 to June 18, 2025.
2. Cancel the agreement.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: Purchasing & EEMA

Funding Source: Reimbursement cost for any damages shall be funded by the Effingham County Board of Commissioners.

Attachments:

MOU