

E.M.A. HEALTH, AND SANITATION COMMITTEE
April 12th, 2018 at 6:00 pm
County Building

David Brown
Doug Long
Linda Huth
Angela Fehrenbacher
Ed Francis
Gary Michl

Ed Francis has reported that the year has started off slow regarding call outs. They did have storm watchers out one day last week.

Ed and Doug recently attended an annual pipeline safety meeting in Effingham.

The current FAA certified drone pilots are Bruce Lewis with E.M.A., Caleb Swick with the County, and Riley Britton with the Newton PD.

They are looking into getting a couple more drone batteries and a couple more charges. This would enable them to operate nearly nonstop for an hour minus the time to change batteries. From what they can tell so far the batteries last 15-20 minutes depending on wind conditions. Total cost for the batteries and charges would be \$400-500.

The drone with its detection equipment has had fair success with the detection of marijuana and methamphetamine locations. Its detection sensors are said to rival those of our K9 unit.

The Committee adjourned to the parking lot for a flight demonstration with the regular and infrared cameras.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

David Brown
Chairman