

**JEFFERSON COUNTY  
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN  
COMMITTEE MEETING #5**

**MINUTES**

Date: Tuesday, May 1, 2018  
Time: 11:00 a.m.  
Duration: 120 minutes  
Location: Jefferson County Maintenance Building

The committee met for the last time in-person on May 1, 2018 to finalize required items of the plan. During this meeting the consultant presented a rough draft of the entire plan to the committee. The consultant went through the document to review each section and indicate where more information was still needed for the plan. The consultant gave a brief update of the status of the public survey results; there were few new responses since the last meeting.

One major activity that the committee completed was the project prioritization criteria. Based on the discussion with the committee from previous meetings, the consultant created a list of criteria by which the committee scored the projects. Each member ranked the criteria according to what they considered to be most or least important utilizing a score of 1-15. Fifteen means the criterion was the most important and 1 meant the criteria had least importance. The consultant averaged the committee members' scores and the results are outlined in the following table. Each project must answer each criterion with a yes or no; if yes, then the project gets the appropriate score, if no, the project gets 0 points for the criteria. At the end, the scores are added and give the priority against all other projects.

The committee members compared their results at the end of the activity and found that some had placed a higher point on criteria that others scored lowest. The committee discussed their points of view and why they had given the points to each criterion. For the most part, the highest and lowest points given were most polarized, the middle points, most committee members tended to agree upon.

PROJECT PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA				
<i>Criteria</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Sum</i>	<i>Averaged Result</i>	<i>Final Score</i>
High probability hazard	The project addresses a high probability hazard	216	12.71	15
High severity hazard	The project addresses a high severity hazard	211	12.41	14
More than one hazard	The project attempts to address more than one hazard	189	11.12	13
Vulnerable populations	The project attempts to lower risk for vulnerable populations (ageing population, children, disabled, etc.)	177	10.41	12
Cost effective	The benefit of the project outweighs the cost	159	9.35	11
Ease of implementation	The implementation of the project does not anticipate many challenges or is already well-supported	145	8.53	10
Ongoing project	The project is already in progress either from the previous hazard mitigation plan or from another plan	140	8.24	9
Encourages partnerships	The project brings two or more partners together to implement the project beyond regular operations	139	8.18	8
Scheduled to start	The project is already in the works to begin	120	7.06	7
In-county economic capability	The county has sufficient funds to implement the project on its own without having to apply for grants	118	6.94	6
Positive environmental impacts	The project does not affect the environment in a negative way	110	6.47	5
In-county technical capability	The county has sufficient capability (equipment and technical knowledge) to implement the project	100	5.88	4
One hazard	The project only addresses one hazard	87	5.12	3
In-county administrative capability	The county has sufficient personnel to implement the project	85	5.00	2
Politically feasible	The project is not controversial politically	46	2.71	1
<b>Total</b>	The highest score any project can receive is 120	N/A	N/A	<b>120</b>

After concluding this activity, the committee members talked about different plans in which their organizations could include hazard mitigation principals and projects and vice versa. At first, some didn't think there could be a connection between their plans and hazard mitigation, but after some brief discussion and questions from the consultant, they could see how their plans had opportunities for integration.

The committee scheduled two public meetings on Tuesday, May 15, 2018; the first will be in the early afternoon, at 1:30 p.m., and the second in the evening, at 7:00 p.m., to attract as many people as possible. Both meetings will be held in the Jefferson County Commission room and will be transmitted live.

The consultant will give an updated draft to the committee on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 by 5:00 p.m. Committee members and the public will have an opportunity to review and comment on the plan before it is submitted to the state on June 1, 2018.

