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County Board members,

I have attached a legal memorandum from state's attorney Rhoades pertaining to the Piatt County Emergency Management Agency and in particular its funding. This memorandum describes how maintaining the county EMA department is not an option, but a state mandate requiring us to fund the agency at a level which is stipulated by our local Emergency Operations Plan and is outlined in the budget request submitted by EMA director Holmes. Failure to do so risks grant funding, which we have already received and will receive in the future from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Please review this information prior to our Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, and feel free to contact state's attorney Rhoades, director Holmes, or me with any questions or concerns you may have. Also, as always, I ask that you refrain from "replying to all" to ensure compliance with Illinois Open Meetings Act regulations.

Thank you for your consideration, and have a great weekend.

Ray