

## FAULKNER COUNTY LEPC 2022

**Team:**LEPC  
**Date:**SEPTEMBER 21, 2022  
**Time:**12:10 PM TO 1:15 PM  
**Location:**FAULKNER COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
**Members Present:** ASHLEY ROBERTS, SHELIA BELLOTT, JIMMY WIEDOWER, CAROL WALTON, DEREK COX, NYCOLE BARR, BRENT FASON, EDDIE SPICER, ANDREW HRADESKY, CAROLINE HRADESKY, JOHN NORLAND, ROGER FIDLER, CODI HAWKINS, ERICA SPEER, LOGAN PRYOR, MARSHALL SINGER, ZAKARIYA KING, DAVID BUGH

Agenda Item	Discussion	Responsible Party	Follow Up Required
<b>I. CALL TO ORDER</b>	Shelia called the meeting to order, welcomed the group and thanked Andrew Hradesky with Arkansas North Central Healthcare Preparedness Coalition for providing today's meal.	Shelia Bellott	
<b>II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	A motion and second was made to approve the last meeting's minutes. Minutes were approved.	Shelia Bellott	
<b>III. PROGRAM</b>	<p>Kim Williams with Arkansas Tourism was today's presenter. Her presentation was about the 2024 Great North American Eclipse in Arkansas. In 2017 North American had a partial eclipse and brought in eye opening tourism to the area the eclipse covered. The Arkansas Department of Tourism expects the 2024 eclipse to be a full scale tourism event. Arkansas will see up to 4 minutes and 20 second of total darkness during the April 8<sup>th</sup> eclipse. The entire state will have 94 to 100 percent obscuration. North America will not have another total eclipse until August 23, 2045.</p> <p>Kim then showed a video simulating Little Rock during the eclipse. Little Rock will be a 1 hour and 40-minute event. She then described the economic impact that the 2017 partial eclipse had in Wyoming. Approximately 474,000 folks visited Wyoming even without them marketing the event. 90% of those had never been to that state before. \$167.1 million was spent in Wyoming for travel. During the same 2017 event, South Carolina saw an influx of 1.6 million people with a \$269 million economic impact. The areas during the 2017 event rented out 20x20 foot rv spaces for \$50 a night.</p> <p>During the 2024 event, 2/3 of Arkansas will be in the path of totality. There will not be enough places for everyone that is expected to attend. In 2017 officials were told to expect an influx of at least the state population. If that holds true, Arkansas can inspect 1.5 million visitors.</p> <p>A NASA scientist created a weather forecast of the cloud cover for April 8, 2024 by using data from past April 8<sup>th</sup> days. Arkansas is expected to have a 0.4 to 0.5 median cloud cover on that day.</p> <p>Things that locals can expect include a population surge as it gets closer to 2024, traffic issues a week before, during and after the event, infrastructure stresses, stresses on public works, cellular</p>	Kim Williams	

	<p>phone systems, health, safety and welfare issues due to the amount of people and mitigation issues with traffic flow.</p> <p>Locals are encouraged to get groceries, gas and other daily needs at least a week before the event. Even the Department of Education may consider a school holiday or scheduling spring break during this time to prevent kids becoming caught up in the traffic issues.</p> <p>Kim then showed several videos of states preparing for the 2017 event. Those included what local officials, power companies, EMS did to prepare for potential issues. A video about the Red Cross and them preparing for a large scale event and being ready to open shelters and a ABC news video on how the state of Oregon prepared by declaring a state of emergency in order to assistance from their National Guard.</p> <p>A couple of attendees also spoke on their experience of going to the 2017 eclipse.</p>		
<b>IV. OLD BUSINESS</b>	<p>A motion was made for all those in attendance to become members, motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made for Shelia Bellott to become Chairperson, motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made for Jimmy Wiedower to become Vice Chair, motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made for Ashley Roberts to become Secretary, motion was seconded and passed.</p>	Shelia Bellott	
<b>V. NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p>Shelia will work on committees for the next meeting. A motion was also made that we change our bi-monthly meetings to quarterly. This motion was seconded and passed. The committee then voted to make today's meeting our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter meeting making our next quarterly meeting in January 2023.</p>	Shelia Bellott	
<b>VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	<p>The Faulkner County Fair is going on this week. OEM has a booth. Residents can come sign up for CodeRED alerts and be entered for a chance to win a generator.</p>	Shelia Bellott	
<b>VII. ADJOURNMENT</b>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM</p>	Shelia Bellott	
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	<p>January 18, 2023</p>		

Respectfully Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_