

Muscatine County Emergency Management Commission

Minutes

January 18, 2023 5:15 p.m.

Muscatine County Administration Building

Members Present: Quinn Riess, Jeff Sorensen, Angie Dickey, Russ Grim, Susie Garrett, Brad Bark

Others Present: Chris Jasper

The meeting was called to order at 5:43pm by Chair Riess.

Jasper stated that we will be removing item 8 from the agenda due to not having enough members to vote. A motion was made by Sorensen with a second by Grim to approve the amended agenda as presented. All in favor.

A motion was made by Dickey with a second by Garrett to elect Brad Bark as the Chair for 2023. All in favor.

A motion was made by Dickey with a second by Riess to make Jeff Sorensen the Vice Chair for 2023. All in favor.

A motion as made by Sorensen with a second by Dickey to make Chris Jasper the Secretary for 2023.

A motion was made by Sorensen with a second by Garrett to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2022 meeting. All in favor.

A motion was made by Garrett with a second by Sorensen to reaffirm the claims that were previously approved via email from September 12, 2022 thru January 9, 2023. All in favor.

Jasper stated that he included the proposed FY 23/24 EMA Budget in the packet. Jasper stated he needed some feedback from the commission on the outdoor sirens. Jasper stated that there are 6 in the county left to replace. There are 4 within City limits of Muscatine that need to be moved. Jasper stated he met with the City, MPW and LMI and found a place for all 4 sirens so we can just replace those 4, but there is also an option to replace a 5th by Walmart. Jasper included all 5 in the budget, but if the Commission only wants to replace 4 then the cost would drop by approximately \$25,000. Sorensen stated he would prefer to only do 4 this year and replace the other 2 next fiscal year. Jasper stated the line item for outdoor siren then would change to \$93,156. Garrett asked why the cell phone allowance was down to zero and Jasper stated that it was already covered in the Muscom budget. Jasper also stated that the MSRU expenditures were up to \$15,000 and that was due to an expected \$10,000 grant for equipment which is shown in the revenue item for Search and Rescue donations. The County will still only be covering \$5,000 like they have the past couple of years. Jasper stated under vehicle set up, he was also looking to set up a rehab trailer with the enclosed trailer. They would like to set it up with tents, chairs, fans, heaters, barricades, etc. It can be used all over the county for larger incidents when needed. Jasper stated that the ICAP Safety Grant is covering cost of the barricades. A motion was made by Sorensen with a second by Dickey to approve the FY 23/24 EMA budget with the discussed changes. All in favor.

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A motion was made by Sorensen with a second by Dickey to set the Public Hearing for the proposed FY 23/24 EMA budget for 2/22/2023 at 6pm. All in favor.

Jasper stated that it was time to apply for the EMPG grant again. A motion was made by Sorensen with a second by Grim to authorize the Emergency Manager to apply for \$35,170 for the 2023 EMPG grant.

Jasper stated that a new thing this year was that the Commission needs to decide what training hours he needs for 2023. Jasper recommended since he has a dual role with 911, that 6 hours be for 911 and 6 hours for HazMat. The group discussed that whatever the EM tells them they need they will go with. Garrett made a motion for Jasper to get 6 hours of 911 training and 6 hours of hazmat training for 2023 with a second by Grim. All in favor.

Jasper stated there was some grant funds from the Community Foundation left and he would like to purchase extra tall ice suits due to them having some tall members that need the tall suits. Jasper also is looking to purchase 6 new life vest and a live scope pole for them. There is still money in the line item for MSRU equipment to cover the cost. A motion was made by Grim with a second by Dickey to approve the purchases.

Jasper stated that the Regional Hazmat Conference is in June in Kansas City. One of the class tracks is for LEPC Chairs so he would like to attend. He would also like to take one member from the Muscatine Fire Department due to them being our HazMat response. Jasper stated there was \$6,000 set aside for Public Safety Training so he would like to take someone from MFD with him. A motion was made by Dickey with a second by Sorensen to approve the request. All in favor.

Jasper stated that all the mandatory trainings for EM's are complete, except one and he is attending it in a couple weeks. Jasper also stated he met with the Red Cross and they identified some areas that needed improvement. He is working with them to recruit volunteers in Muscatine County and will be holding a disaster volunteer training on 2/25 from 9-1pm. Jasper reminded the group about the Economic Recovery exercise next week with HSEMD.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07pm.

Chris Jasper, Secretary
Director – EMA/911