

Muscatine County Emergency Management Commission

Minutes

September 16, 2024 5:30 p.m.

Muscatine County Administration Building

Members Present: Mayor Angie Dickey – Atalissa, Councilmember Susie Garrett – Fruitland, Mayor Mark Smith – West Liberty, Quinn Riess – Sheriff, Councilmember Russ Grim – Nichols, Public Safety Director Dave Clark - Wilton

Others Present: Chris Jasper

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Chair Garrett.

Jasper performed a roll call and determined a quorum was present.

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Riess with a second by Smith. All in favor.

A motion was made by Dickey with a second by Smith to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2024 meeting. All in favor.

A motion was made by Riess with a second by Clark to reaffirm claims previously approved via email from January 22, 2024 through September 16, 2024. All in favor.

A motion was made by Riess with a second by Clark to approve the following plan revisions previously approved via email; ESF-0 Basic Plan, ESF-2 Communications, ESF-5 Emergency Management, ESF-10 HazMat, ESF-15 External Affairs. All in favor.

A motion was made by Dickey with a second by Riess to approve the new Basic Recovery Plan that was previously approved via email. All in favor.

The group discussed a tentative agreement with Bi-State Commission for the revision of the Muscatine County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Jasper stated they did apply for a grant to cover expenses for this project however FEMA has changed the process. Iowa HSEMD now has to put out an RFP and the reimbursement is based on the lowest bid. The contract amount is not to exceed \$25,500 and as of now we are tentatively planning on getting \$21,500 back in grant money. Jasper stated the total cost of the project is \$35,000 however Bi-State will cover the balance with dues from members of our community. A motion was made by Dickey with a second by Clark to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement with Bi-State. All in favor.

Jasper stated that since Muscatine County was included in the Presidential Disaster Proclamation there is a grant available for equipment. One of the number 1 priorities for this year is outdoor warning so if the group thought they wanted to add sirens, then this may be a time to apply for funding. Jasper stated he felt a couple trouble areas are on Elder, replacing the one in Montpelier, and down by the airport. Riess stated he felt there was also an issue around the Fairport area and the campgrounds. Dickey also asked about Moscow. Consensus from the group was to ask for funding to add 6 additional sirens to the system.

Jasper stated he attended the Region 7 conference in Kansas City and while there they gave away registration to the International Conference in Colorado Springs. This would be a chance to attend the

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conference free, which is an almost \$900 value, but the travel and hotel are not covered. A motion was made by Smith with a second by Riess to approve travel, meal and hotel expenses for the conference. All in favor.

There were no issues or concerns from any commission members.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Chris Jasper, Secretary
Director – EMA/911