

Muscatine County Emergency Management Commission

Minutes

Tuesday, June 16, 2025 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, Supervisor Jeff Sorensen – Muscatine County Board of Supervisors, Chief David Clark – Wilton, Mayor Brad Bark - Muscatine

Others Present: Chris Jasper

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm 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 Sorensen with a second by Riess. All in favor.

A motion was to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2025 meeting made by Sorensen with a second by Bark. All in favor.

A motion was made to approve claims, previously approved via email, dated February 17, 2025 through June 2, 2025 was made by Dickey with a second by Sorensen. All in favor.

Jasper stated that the County EMS Association has been meeting and that they are trying to come up with a plan for EMS funding moving forward, or declaring EMS as an essential service. There were some conversations about getting a jump start on the Countywide First Responder District, but how that would work. There was some conversation about EMA being the only countywide levy so it would make sense for some funding to be funneled through EMA. Jasper said he had some concerns with this and the leadership of the EMS Association as it has kind of been “all over the place.” Sorensen stated he would like to see the EMS Board a subset of the EMA Commission, much like the Muscom User Group is to the MCJCC. Jasper also stated that our Medical Director gave warning that he is looking to retire and the EMS Association will need to find another Medical Director. Jasper stated that funding for this project could be the start of EMS funding through EMA. Mayor Smith made a motion to authorize the salary, not to exceed \$35,000, to come out of EMA funds and to begin recruitments efforts with a second by Dickey. All in favor.

Jasper gave an update on 911 Funding and SF659. Jasper stated right now it was unclear exactly what funding the state would be billing or taking back from the county. He asked for direction from the group on how they wanted to proceed, if they wanted to freeze spending from 911 until we have a clear picture of what is to come with this Legislation or if we wanted to keep going as needed. The group gave direction to Jasper to proceed and spend as needed.

ESF-1 Transportation was presented to the group for approval. Riess said he would like the work Department changed to office on Page 1. A motion was made by Sorensen with a second by Dickey to approve the ESF as amended. All in favor.

ESF-3 Public Works was presented to the group for approval. A motion was made by Riess with a second by Sorensen to approve the ESF as presented. All in favor.

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ESF-7 Logistics was presented to the group for approval. A motion was made by Dickey with a second by Sorensen to approve the ESF as presented. All in favor.

ESF-10 Hazardous Materials was presented to the group for approval. A motion was made by Riess with a second by Sorensen to approve the ESF as presented. All in favor.

RSF – Infrastructure was presented to the group for approval. A motion by Smith with a second by Sorensen to approve the RSF as presented. All in favor.

Jasper stated that they still have heard back on the grant for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Jasper said the plan expired in October and takes about a year to compile. He asked the group if they would like to keep waiting for the grant or just pay for the work out of pocket at a cost of \$30,000 just to get it done. A motion was made by Sorensen with a second by Smith to pay for the plan rewrite out of pocket. All in favor.

Jasper gave an update on the outdoor sirens and said that the contractors were trying to work through the issue to come up with a resolution. Right now it seems to be isolated to Muscatine Sirens.

Jasper said he is working with Bayer to do a large -scale exercise in October and it will include the hospital and multiple agencies.

Jasper told the group he would be gone from June 20<sup>th</sup> through July 27<sup>th</sup> for the National NENA Conference in California.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.