

Muscatine County Emergency Management Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 5:30 p.m.

Muscatine County Administration Building

Members Present: Councilmember Susie Garrett – Fruitland, Quinn Riess – Sheriff, Supervisor Jeff Sorensen – Muscatine County Board of Supervisors, Mayor Keith Stanley – Wilton, Mayor Brad Bark – Muscatine, Councilmember Russ Grim – Nichols, Mayor Mark Smith – West Liberty, Councilmember Angie Dickey – Atalissa

Others Present: Chris Jasper, Jeff Jirak, Nic Doy

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 Smith with a second by Stanley. All in favor.

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2026 meeting was made by Sorensen with a second by Smith. All in favor.

The public hearing for FY 25/26 EMA Budget Amendment was opened. No one from the public spoke. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Sorensen with a second by Bark. All in favor.

A motion to approve the FY 25/26 amended EMA budget with an increase of \$77,825 was made by Sorensen with a second by Stanley. All in favor.

The Public hearing for FY 26/27 E911 Budget was opened. No one from the public spoke. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Dickey with a second by Smith. All in favor.

A motion to approve the FY 26/27 E911 budget was made by Riess with a second by Bark. All in favor.

The Public hearing for FY 26/27 EMA Budget was opened. No one from the public spoke. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Dickey with a second by Grim. All in favor.

A motion to approve the FY 26/27 EMA budget was made by Sorensen with a second by Riess. All in favor.

Jasper told the group that the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan was complete. The planning committee will meet on February 19th and then the draft release will be posted on the county and Bistate website for public comments. Jasper said after that the EMA Commission or the Board of Supervisors needs to hold a public hearing to official adopt the plan. The group gave consensus to have the Board of Supervisors handle the adoption.

Jasper said he followed up with MFD Administration, he stated that if there is a spill per Iowa Code, they are allowed to bill for equipment. Jasper said if a spill was at a residence, they typically would not bill for that. The contract money is used for “readiness and training” and the money billed for spills is to replace the equipment used. Jasper said he had a conversation with Keokuk County and Washington County and they are pulling out of their contract. Jasper said that Davenport and Iowa City charge almost 3 times for their HazMat response. Jasper said he felt Muscatine was the best option. Sorensen

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stated he would ask the City of Muscatine to segregate those costs as residents may think they are paying for this in a tax levy and the city is also taxing them for these services. A motion was made by Smith with a second by Sorenson to authorize the chair to sign the HazMat Contract with Muscatine Fire for FY 26/27. All in favor.

Jasper mentioned there are several bills proposed in Legislation for 911 and he is watching these to make sure we stay on track with 911 funds.

Jasper stated that the Boat MOU was signed by the City of Muscatine and training will begin this Spring. Jasper stated there has been several 911 signs damaged from accidents and he is starting to bill Insurance companies for the replacement.

Jasper stated that 424 Warning Systems has asked us to sign an Intent to Purchase because he has someone else interested. The intent to purchase just states that we intend to purchase and that they will place it in storage until then.

A motion was made by Sorensen with a second by Riess authorizing the Director to sign the Intent to Purchase. All in favor.

There were no issues/concerns from the Commission members.

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm.

Christopher J Jasper, Secretary
Director – EMA/911