

Muscom User Group
Minutes

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 – 10 a.m.

PSB Conference Room

Members Present: Chris Jasper, JJ Hudson, Quinn Riess, Dave Clark, Mike Hartman, Tony Kies

Others Present: Nic Doy - MCJ

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Chair Kies.

Secretary Jasper performed a roll call and a quorum was established.

A motion was made by Riess with a second from Hudson so approve the agenda as presented. All in favor.

A motion was made by Riess with a second by Hartman to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2026 meeting. All in favor.

Jasper gave a radio project update. He said the radios are done being programmed and he has a conference call tomorrow with Motorola and Supreme Radio to figure out some logistics. He will have more information after that meeting, but things are moving along. One thing that Jasper did want to note after discussing it after the recent manhunt, is that when we go encrypted instead of patching Law1 into a state channel, officers will have to move to CW or Law 3 channel. Jasper asked the group if they felt this would be an issue. Jasper said he would come up with a procedure for this process for dispatch and officers and the group could review it.

Hudson stated a concern was brought up to him about who was responsible for landing helicopters. There was some confusion on a recent call on whether it was law or fire's responsibility. The group discussed it and decided that Fire should be taking care of extrication and the patient while law is securing the scene so part of that would be their responsibility. Hudson and Jasper said they would take it back to the next mutual aid and let all fire departments know that everyone should be communicating together but ultimately law enforcement will land the helicopter.

Jasper stated that there was a request from the jail for more radios. Currently they have approximately 30 and they are used 24-hours a day. They wear out easy due to constant usage. Doy stated he would like each person to have a radio instead of multiple people using them. Jasper stated with the additional radios we will have after the upgrade there should be enough to meet this request. A motion was made by Kies with a second by Hudson to fulfill this request. All in favor. Riess abstained from voting.

Jasper gave a management update on staffing. Unfortunately, 2 new dispatchers were let go, one for sexual harassment and the other for not keeping up with training requirements. They currently have 2 in training and tested last week for the open position.

Jasper stated there have been several large events lately and would like to give a kudos to the Muscom team for their handling of the events. Kies also stated he was impressed with the Muscom staff and their handling of the events.

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Riess asked about replacement computers for this year. Jasper stated he got them this week, but they need to go through the onboarding process so it will be a bit before they are dispersed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony Kies, Chairperson
Chief, Muscatine Police Department

Chris Jasper, Secretary
Director – Emergency Management/911