

Muscatine County Emergency Management Commission

Minutes

July 19, 2023 5:30 p.m.

Muscatine County Administration Building

Members Present: Quinn Riess, Jeff Sorensen, Susie Garrett, Brad Bark, Sheryl Lenker, Russ Grim

Others Present: Chris Jasper

The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm by Chair Bark.

Jasper stated that one additional claim to be added to the agenda for July 24, 2023 for \$133.90 for fuel. A motion was made by Sorensen with a second by Lenker to approve the revised agenda. All in favor.

A motion was made by Riess with a second by Sorensen to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2023 meeting. All in favor.

A motion was made by Sorensen with a second by Lenker to reaffirm the claims that were previously approved via email from May 15, 2023 thru July 10, 2023. All in favor.

A motion was made by Sorensen with a second by Riess to accept the claims for July 24, 2023 in the amount of \$133.90 for fuel. All in favor.

Jasper stated he has been working with Muscatine County Public Health on a new communications platform or application. They had a demo from Rave Mobile Safety on an application that can be built for the county. This would give Emergency Management, Public Health and Environmental Health the opportunity to have one clear message before, after or during a disaster. Jasper stated that Public Health has some grant funds they are willing to use to get the applications developed but there would be a recurring annual cost for the application. Jasper stated that he would apply for grant funding to pay for the application on a yearly basis but before they committed to it he wanted to make sure the Commission was willing to support the annual cost should the grant funding not come through. Consensus of the Commission was that it was a good idea and tool to have, but would like to see EMA/Public Health split the cost on the annual fee. Jasper stated he would take that back to the Public Health Director and see if they could figure out a way to move forward.

Jasper Presented ESF-10: Hazmat and ESF-14: Private Partners to the group. A motion was made by Riess with a second by Sorensen to accept the revised plans and forward to HSEMD. All in favor.

Jasper stated that he had a price from Macatawa Unmanned Systems to provide drone training. MCSO has a couple to send, MPD has a couple and a couple from MSRU. We can have up to 20 people in the class and any openings we would invite outside agencies and charge a set price. The price is \$4200 and then \$65/person for the text book etc which would be covered by each agency. Jasper stated they did budget for this this year. A motion was made by Sorensen with a second by Lenker to approve the cost \$4,200. All in favor.

Jasper stated that the Countywide Hazard Mitigation plan would be due by the end of 2024 and that his is a lengthy process. He has initial conversations to contract with BiState for the report again. Bistate has given an initial cost of the project at \$30,000. Jasper stated he would apply for the BRIC grant to

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cover this expense. A motion as made by Sorensen with a second by Grim to approve applying for a BRIC grant in the amount of \$30,000. All in favor.

Jasper informed the group that he completed the FEMA Basic Academy and thanks the Commission for giving him the opportunity to attend, he learned a lot and made some good contacts. Jasper also informed the group about a complain on a siren that is located in the City of Muscatine. Jasper gave the group a map of the old siren and where the new ones were and stated that a resident was not happy that the old siren was still up. Jasper stated that the vendor had some trouble getting to the siren so they left it there. Jasper also informed the group that he was currently in EMT-B School and would be complete in October.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

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Chris Jasper, Secretary  
Director – EMA/911