

Muscatine County Emergency Management Commission

Minutes

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 5:30 p.m.

Muscatine County Administration Building

Members Present: Mayor Angie Dickey – Atalissa, Councilmember Susie Garrett – Fruitland, Quinn Riess – Sheriff, Supervisor Jeff Sorensen – Muscatine County Board of Supervisors, Chief David Clark – Wilton, Mayor Brad Bark – Muscatine, Councilmember Russ Grim - Nichols

Others Present: Chris Jasper, Doug Bunn, Don Briggs

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 Bark. All in favor.

A motion was to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2025 meeting made by Bark with a second by Grim. All in favor.

A motion was made to approve claims, previously approved via email, dated June 23, 2025 through August 18, 2025 was made by Sorensen with a second by Clark. All in favor.

Jasper stated that we have continues to have issues with the boat motors on the new boat. This issue goes back to when we received the boat. Jasper said that they have taken the boat in several times and no one can find the issue. Jasper stated that Evinrude has filed for bankruptcy and gone out of business. Jasper got a price to get 2 new mercury outboard motors on the boat. Jasper was looking for direction on whether we wanted to continue paying for repairs or just purchase new motors. Jasper stated this has become a safety issue and they are not currently using the boat due to this issue. Garrett asked if there are funds available. Jasper stated that there was a money in reserves to cover the cost of the new motors. A motion was made by Sorensen to accept the proposal for replacement of boat motors with a second by Riess.

Jasper also wanted to thank the Search and Rescue Unit for all the work they do throughout the year!

Jasper updated the group on the conversation of funding the EMS Medical Director out of EMA Budget. Jasper stated they are looking into joining the UnityPoint EMS System and those services would be free.

Jasper and Clark gave an update to the group about EMS as an essential service.

Jasper informed the group that they would be needing to do an E911 Budget Amendment due to the 911 Legislation. Jasper stated he was proposing moving items from 911 to Muscom Budget and then a budget amendment will need to be done. A consensus was to operate according to this and an amendment will be done later on in the year.

Jasper asked for approval from the group to attend the IAEM Conference in Louisville, KY. A motion was made by Sorensen to approve with a second by Bark. All in favor.

Jasper stated that finally got word that we got the HMGP grant for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. A motion was made by Bark with a second by Dickey to accept \$35,000 for the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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Jasper stated they did an exercise with Airgas a couple weeks ago with the HazMat team and corporate staff. Bayer is set up to do a large scale/mass fatality incident on October 8th. This will involve multiple agencies. Jasper also informed the group that they are looking into joining the Muscatine and Louisa LEPC together.

There were no issues or concerns from commission members.

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.