

# Cass County Public Safety Commission

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## Minutes

August 25, 2014  
Basement Meeting Room

<u>Member</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Gaylord Schelling	Cass County	X	
Mark Wedemeyer	Cass County		X
Chris Jimerson	City of Atlantic	X	
Kathy Somers	City of Atlantic	X	
Ryan Askeland	City of Griswold		X
Tom Harris	City of Anita - Primary	X	
Jeff Bohnsack	City of Anita - Alternate		X

**Staff present:** Rob Koppert, Cody Claussen, Bobbi Jo Jameson

**Citizens present:** Mike Kennon, Steve Tjepkes, Sheriff Darby McLaren, Deputy Josh McLaren

Chair Gaylord Schelling opened the meeting at 5:10pm.

M/S/C Harris / Somers to approve the agenda as published. Carried unanimously.

M/S/C Jimerson / Harris approve the July 2014 Minutes. Carried unanimously.

M/S/C Somers / Jimerson to approve the July 2014 financial statements and bills. Carried unanimously.

911 Director Rob Koppert then presented awards to two dispatchers for their handling of a recent call in which a suicidal subject was talked out of a dangerous situation and that person's location was determined. For her actions, Dispatcher Bobbi Jo Jameson was presented with a Commendation of Exceptional Service and Dispatcher Cody Claussen was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his assistance to Jameson.

911 Director and TAC Rob Koppert presented his Monthly Hour and Work-log Report. There were no questions by the Commission. He reported on the acceptance of a proposal from Racom for a VoIP Radio Console system for the new 911 center at a cost of approximately \$205,000.00. He also reported on the purchase of a new IP based 911 system for the new communications center at a cost of approximately \$149,000.00. Koppert also reported on the ongoing situation of ALI database management between Intrado and CenturyLink.

In business regarding the re-location of the communications center, 911 Director Rob Koppert informed the Commission of a situation that has resulted from the removal of shelves in the former law library area that unknown to anyone, had been providing support for the floor structure above. The removal of these shelves has caused a slight downward deflection of the floor trusses and there are reports of the floor above to feel "bouncy". Koppert has consulted with Carlson West Povondra Architects and was assured that there was no structural deficiency and that the floor would not fail. They will begin looking at options for stabilizing the floor, possibly to include the addition of a beam below the trusses to support them from east to west.

In Old Business, the Commission discussed the request from Atlantic Municipal Utilities to provide call center and monitoring services. The agreement is still being looked at by AMU's attorney's and once a more finalized copy is provided, 911 Director Rob Koppert will provide a copy to the county attorney for review. The Commission decided to approve entering into a temporary agreement with AMU to facilitate implementation should it be necessary to implement sooner than anticipated and gave 911 Director Rob Koppert the authority to do so.

M / S / C Somers / Jimerson to approve entering into a temporary agreement with Atlantic Municipal Utilities to provide call taker services until a permanent contract can be agreed upon.

During discussion of the above motion, Commissioner Harris stated he felt that the dollar amount of the agreement should be at least half of the amount that AMU will be saving by contracting call taker services with the Commission.

Chair Gaylord Schelling then called for the voted and the motion passed 3-1. Ayes: Schelling, Somers, Jimerson. Nays: Harris. Motion Carried.

There was no New Business discussed.

During the public comments and concerns section, Commission Harris inquired on the publication of Commission Minutes in the local newspapers.

MSC Jimerson / Harris to adjourn at 6:23pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rob Koppert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rob Koppert, TAC - Recording Secretary