

# Cass County Public Safety Commission

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## MINUTES

March 24, 2008

Members present:      Steve Livengood, Dave Dunfee, Kern Miller, Chuck Kinen  
Staff present:          Jennifer Erickson, Rob Koppert  
Citizens present:      Brent and Marcia Bierbaum

Commission Member Steve Livengood opened the meeting at 5:02 pm with 2 members absent.

MSC Dunfee/Miller to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.

MSC Miller/Dunfee to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

MSC Kinen/Dunfee to approve the financial statement and bills. Carried unanimously.

TAC Jennifer Erickson reported on the status of the renovations to the Communications Center. Commission Member Kern Miller questioned if there were any new developments with Leslie Helvie submitting her resignation. Erickson advised that she had not heard anything different from Leslie up to this point.

In Old Business Miller discussed issue with communication center wages. Commission member Chuck Kinen advised that the Board of Supervisors recommended a 3% increase for all employees in the courthouse. Miller advised that according to the Articles of Agreement this decision is to be made solely by the Public Safety Commission. Miller also brought to the commission's attention in reference to the past election of chair and vice chair that a secretary was not elected. Miller made nomination for Jennifer Erickson to be appointed, second by Commission Member Dave Dunfee, carried unanimously. Miller also advised that he had received all materials that he had requested, such as the 28E and Articles of Agreement.

There was no New Business.

In Public Discussion, Brent and Marcia Bierbaum addressed the commission reference a fire call last fall near their residence in which a lightning strike occurred in the middle of a field. The concern was for the dispatcher on duty at the time, Shawn Page, took longer than normal to page out the fire department and subsequently gave the responding units the wrong directions causing the fire departments slow response time. The fire had been extinguished prior to the fire departments arrival. The issues of timeliness and accuracy were discussed with the dispatcher in question and the Bierbaums were assured that this type of incident would not happen again. No further form of disciplinary action was taken against said dispatcher.

The next meeting was set for April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

Miller/Kinen to adjourn meeting. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Jennifer Erickson TAC