

Cass County Public Safety Commission

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MINUTES

June 25, 2007

Members present: Dan Rossell, Steve Livengood, Chuck Kinen, Dave Dunfee, Kern Miller, Bob Matthies

Staff present: Jennifer Erickson, Rob Koppert

Citizens present: Chief Roger Muri, EMA Coordinator Jeremiah Thompson

Chairperson Dan Rossell opened the meeting at 5:00 pm.

MSC Kinen/Livengood to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.

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

MSC Livengood/Miller to approve the financial statement and bills. Carried unanimously.

TAC Jennifer Erickson reported that dispatcher Julie McCartney had been terminated due to her inability to hear radio traffic and incoming 911 calls and that with her prior experience of 3 years dispatching this should not have been an issue but is what led to her termination. TAC Erickson reported that Rob Koppert was rehired back as a full-time dispatcher and that his starting wage is to be \$12.64. The commission was glad to have Rob back in the communications center. TAC Erickson also reported that dispatcher Shawn Page completed his 40 hour telecommunicator course and has now fulfilled his training requirements. TAC Erickson reported changes to the severe weather policy in that all fire departments would be notified in the event of a severe thunderstorm or tornado watch and all fire departments would be notified in the event of a tornado warning. MSC Miller/Livengood made motion to have County Attorney Dan Feistner look over the new policy and approve it. Carried unanimously. Further discussion on the severe weather policy was tabled until the next meeting.

There was no Old Business discussed.

In New Business TAC Erickson asked members of the commission if there would be a problem continuing with the dispatcher work rotation of 4 days on and 4 days off. There was concern with continuing overtime issues and MSC Kinen would like to see a schedule made up to show a 40 hour work week and presented at the next meeting.

Atlantic Police Chief Roger Muri who is also the 911 Board Chairman asked the commission about adopting a new policy on the payment for emergency repairs to communications center equipment or 911 equipment in general and if monies should be set aside by the public safety board for such repairs or if they were to continue to be taken out of 911 funds. Chief Muri expressed concern in that he has always given the approval for such repairs to come out of the 911 budget and that if someone were to question such a decision a policy would be nice to have in place to cover said decision. MSC Livengood requested to see what monies have been spent the past 3-4 years for emergency repairs and presented at the next meeting. MSC Miller/Livengood requested to see an inventory list of communications and 911 equipment, when equipment was purchased, the age of the equipment and the approximate time table of when the equipment would need to be replaced. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

The next meeting was set for July 23, 2007 at 5:30 pm.

MSC Kinen/Livengood to adjourn meeting. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Jennifer Erickson TAC

