Cass County Public Safety Commission

Minutes July 11, 2000

Members Present: Dave Jones, Chuck Kinen, Lynn Crozier, and Don Volk

Members Absent: John O'Brien and Darrell Smith

Staff Present: Rob Koppert

Others Present: None

Chairman Chuck Kinen called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

MSC Jones/Volk to approve the agenda as published. Carried unanimously.

MSC Crozier/Jones to approve the May minutes. Carried unanimously.

MSC Crozier/Volk to approve the June 2000 Financial Statement. Carried unanimously.

TAC Koppert discussed the hiring of the third part-time dispatcher and two people will be interviewed and tested on Friday with a decision made by Monday or Tuesday of nest week. It is hoped the new dispatcher can start the 1st of August.

TAC Koppert reported that the Basic Iowa System Training (BIST) was cancelled due to air conditioning problems at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. Dispatcher Judy Kinser will have to complete a "workbook" and attend a IOWA certification testing session in Des Moines on August 10th.

TAC Koppert reported the communications center was struck by lightning on June 25th, and the fuses protecting the console worked properly and blew. This did cause the communications center to be down for a short while, until TAC Koppert replaced the fuses in the transmitter building.

TAC Koppert reported that unemployment compensation had been denied to a former dispatcher.

TAC Koppert report that the Datamaxx Linxx 2 software was recently updated in the communications center. This is the software that runs the IOWA System terminal. He reported that most dispatchers were having problems with the upgrade, and many felt the old version was much better. TAC Koppert stated that he agreed with the dispatchers in that the new version had many problems. TAC Koppert stated he has been in contact with Datamaxx and hoped a solution can be worked out.

In New Business, TAC Koppert stated he received a letter from the union asking that negotiations be started for the contract with the dispatchers that will go into affect on July 1, 2001. After agreeing that early October would be a suitable period in which to begin negotiations since it provides ample time before the budget process begins, and that Dave Jones and Don Volk would represent the Commission, TAC Koppert was asked to send a letter to the union with this information.

MSC Volk/Jones to adjourn at 5:23pm. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Koppert, Secretary, TAC