

Cass County Public Safety Communications Commission

Minutes

December 28, 2021

Cass County Communications Center – 705 Poplar St., Atlantic, Iowa

Present: Mark O'Brien, CC BOS; Steve Green, CC BOS; Kathy Somers, Atlantic;
Jim Behrens, Atlantic

Guests: Lee Sisco, Atlantic City Council

Staff present: Mike Kennon, TAC

Chair Steve Green called the meeting to order at 5:16pm.

M/S/C Somers / O'Brien to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.

M/S/C Somers / Behrens to approve the minutes of the 11-22-2021 meeting. Carried unanimously.

M/S/C Behrens / O'Brien to approve November 2021 financial reports. Carried unanimously.

TAC Report: Mike Kennon reported on progress on the Motorola Enhancement Project. The bonding authority was approved, the contract has been signed, a loan has been secured and the initial payment to Motorola has been made. Motorola has appointed a Project Manager and initial shipments of equipment are being received. Kennon also reported that Motorola will conduct a walk thru visit with AMU at the Atlantic water tower on January 4th. Shelby County just recently passed a bond issue to pay for ISICS radios and other radio equipment, but no additional tower sites at this time.

Kennon stated that Cass County has met it's GIS benchmarks to receive grant funding. The new County IT, Sean Berens, was unable to spend much time with the Schneider representative when he visited recently. The rep was occupied with the Auditor's Office on re-districting projects. We plan to have Sean spend time on GIS during the next scheduled visit from Schneider.

Kennon said that there is not much happening locally with Covid right now, but that may change with a new variant on the rise. Cass Public Health is currently working with the Sheriff's Office to spend some grant funding specifically for Covid mitigation in jail settings.

Respectfully Submitted



Finally, Kennon reported that he has 911 Annual Forms due to be submitted to the State before the end of the calendar year. He also said that he was just notified by the State that Cass County is currently about \$10K under the threshold to qualify for FEMA Public Assistance (PA). Atlantic Municipal Utilities (AMU) has not yet submitted damages and they would easily put us over the threshold. Kennon has already talked with Steve Tjepkes about this issue and AMU should get their damages reported before the deadline. There was also a very brief discussion about vaccine/testing mandates and if Cass County employees would be affected.

Old Business: Kennon said that we are still waiting for the Cass County BOS to adopt an updated County Employee Handbook. As soon as the County approves the new handbook, this board can consider adopting it.

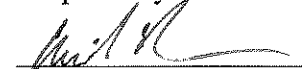
Kennon handed out a budget worksheet with a 6.00% increase because that was the recommendation from the Compensation Board.

New Business: None.

Public comments or concerns: This was the last Public Safety meeting for Kathy Somers as a Board Member. Lee Sisco will be her replacement starting in January.

M/S/C Somers / O'Brien to adjourn a 6:07pm

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Paul A. O'Brien", written over a horizontal line.