

Cass County 911 Service Board

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MINUTES

October 22, 2024 – 6:00pm
Cass County Basement Meeting Room – 5 West 7th Street, Atlantic, IA 50022

Members present: Jim Behrens (Atlantic), Mark O'Brien (CC EMA), Randy Baxter (Marne), Steve Green (CC BOS), Jackson Bissell (Massena), Virginia Coughlin (Cumberland), Kirt Underwood (Griswold), John Westering (CCSO).

Members absent: Dave Reynolds (Elliott), Mitch Boysen (Wiota), Simon Jensen (Anita), Ryan Archibald (Lewis), Greg Vetter (Grant), Clif Anderson (Council Bluffs).

Staff present: 911 Services Coordinator Mike Kennon and Dispatcher Supervisor Bobbi Jo Steffensmeier

Guests present: Erik Johnson (AmeriCorps)

Chair Virginia Coughlin called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Introductions

Kennon asked to amend the agenda to allow Devin Hogue to make his request (Item 8) before the Coordinator's Report (Item 6).


M/S/C Green / Behrens to approve the agenda as amended. Carried unanimously.

M/S/C Green / Underwood to approve the 7-30-2024 minutes. Carried unanimously.

M/S/C Behrens / O'Brien to approve the Financial Statements since last meeting. Carried unanimously.

New Business: Devin Hogue (APD) requested funding for one Portable and one Mobile 700MHz radio for Atlantic School SRO program. Green asked how much it would cost: \$11,430.98. Hogue explained that the position would last at least 4 years with grant and committed local funds. Bissell and Westering commented that the Board should be prepared to be open to other emergency response agencies with similar requests from this Board. Kennon said that the fund balance for 911SB was over \$360,000.

Respectfully Submitted,



M/S/C Green / Bissell to approve funding request from Devin Hogue (APD) for funding to purchase a portable and a mobile 700MHz radios for the SRO program with Atlantic Schools.

Coordinator's Report: Kennon stated that the current 911SB fund balance was about \$360,250. Kennon also said he was approached by a local amateur radio operator about using a currently unused antenna on the County Tower. An amateur radio repeater was successfully installed and Cass County has much better radio strength than we had previously.

A SEARS ISICS radio was installed in the Atlantic EEOC alternative school. Motorola/ISICS will be performing software and equipment upgrades over the next few weeks. Secondary Roads is operational with their new ISICS radios.

Finally, Kennon said that he and the Engineer's Office have started to collect information on County needs for rural street signs.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Earlier in meeting.

Public Comments and Concerns: None.

M/S/C O'Brien / Bissell to adjourn at 6:29pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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