

Cass County 911 Service Board

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MINUTES

October 28, 2025 – 6:00pm
Cass County Basement Meeting Room – 5 West 7th Street, Atlantic, IA 50022

Members present: John Westering (CCSO), Jim Behrens (Atlantic), Wayne Preister (Marne), Steve Green (CC BOS), Simon Jensen (Anita), Kirk Stapleton (Griswold), Virginia Coughlin (Cumberland), Mark O'Brien (CC EMA), Jackson Bissell (Massena) and Clif Anderson (CBFD).

Members absent: Dave Reynolds (Elliott), Mitch Boysen (Wiota), Greg Vetter (Grant) and Ryan Archibald (Lewis),

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

Guests present: None.

Jackson Bissell called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

M/S/C Daughenbaug / Green to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.

M/S/C O'Brien / Daughenbaug to approve the 7-22-2025 minutes. Carried unanimously.

M/S/C Green / Coughlin to approve the Financial Statements since last meeting. Carried unanimously.

Coordinator's Report: Mike Kennon stated that he was in the process of terminating the lease on the Oxford Rd tower. The radio equipment will need to be removed at some point, but this will save \$1,000 per month. The courthouse tower is in need of maintenance. There was a long discussion about the lack of benefits to public safety of being on that tower. Atlantic PD and County Secondary Roads transmit a VHS signal from the tower, and they no longer use VHS. There is also a pan and scan camera that is monitored in the Comm Center. Nishna Net supplies the County with backup internet service in exchange for being on the tower. Kennon was tasked to get bids on performing the necessary

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maintenance on the tower. There was then a discussion about the recent lightning strike that knocked out the tower camera and affected some equipment within the courthouse. Kennon said that the damage was being gathered and will be submitted to insurance.

John Westering travelled to Massena schools yesterday and delivered a power supply to one of their SEARS radios. They had lost the power supply over the summer while painting. A \$350 invoice was also given to CAM schools.

The fund balance as of 9-30-2025 is \$271,918.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Bobbi Jo gave a brief explanation of the responder incident notification presentation from Tango Tango. She said that FDs were not interested in setting up a demo, so she wasn't going to pursue it. Bissell said that he thinks that it may be worth looking into some more and that he will talk with area FDs. No action was taken.

Kennon said that he was approached by someone from Cass EMS to possibly supply them with two 700Mhz pagers. Bissell and Green both said that they don't believe we should have to do that. There was no action taken on this request.

There were no public comments or concerns.

M/S/C Green / O'Brien to adjourn at 6:35pm.

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Clifton Anderson

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