

Cass County 911 Service Board

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MINUTES

July 22, 2025 – 6:00pm

Cass County Basement Meeting Room – 5 West 7th Street, Atlantic, IA 50022

Members present: John Westering (CCSO), Jim Behrens (Atlantic), Randy Baxter (Marne), Steve Green (CC BOS), Ryan Archibald (Lewis), Simon Jensen (Anita) – virtual, Kirk Stapleton (Griswold), Virginia Coughlin (Cumberland) and Clif Anderson (CBFD).

Members absent: Dave Reynolds (Elliott), Mark O’Brien (CC EMA), Mitch Boysen (Wiota), Greg Vetter (Grant) and Jackson Bissell (Massena)

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

Guests present: None.

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

Introductions

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

M/S/C Green / Archibald to approve the 4-22-2025 minutes. Carried unanimously.

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

Coordinator’s Report: Kennon reported that SF659 had passed in the Iowa Legislature and would very much affect local 911 funding. Fees totaling about \$24,000 are expected for this fiscal year. This is in addition to a reduction of about 10% in the normal surcharge funds we will receive. Kennon hopes that the current fiscal year will be the worst of the assault on our 911 funding. Part of the surcharge reduction should be restored next fiscal year and fees should lessen after the State finishes some large projects this year. Kennon says that a lot of questions remain about the future of local 911 funding.

Respectfully Submitted,



The fund balance as of 6-30-2025 is about \$259,000. Kennon just placed an order for rural street sign replacements for the NW quadrant for the County. Finally, Kennon produced an invoice from a local telephone company. This is a regular monthly bill to route 911 calls to the Dispatch Center. It had gone from about a \$1,000 to nearly \$1,250.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Kennon handed out a document that broke down by County projected fees for the current fiscal year. The State has produced an MOU to make it easier for us to pay the added fees. They will automatically deduct the fee from our surcharge checks rather than billing Counties for the fees each quarter. Kennon said that it does not matter to him how we do this.

Steve Green asked how it could be that Pott Co. is projected to pay about \$90K and Cass about \$24K when Pott is about 7 times larger than Cass by population. Kennon said that the surcharge is distributed thru a formula and that the fees were take as a straight percentage from the amount each County receives in surcharge. Green and others said they would like to get a more detailed explanation. Kennon said he would ask the State 911 Director and get back to the Board.

Coughlin entertained a motion to sign an MOU with the State to reduce fees from surcharge funds. No motion was made, so there will be no MOU signed.

There were no public comments or concerns.

M/S/C Baxter / Green to adjourn at 6:29pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Neil K", written over a horizontal line.

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