

Cass County 911 Service Board

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MINUTES

January 27, 2026 – 6:00pm

Cass County Courthouse Basement Meeting Room – 5 West 7th St., Atlantic, Iowa

Members present: Jim Behrens (Atlantic), Steve Green (Cass County), Aaron Williams (Marne), John Westering (CCSO), Nick Demanett (Griswold), Ben Daughenbaugh (Anita), Chris Jahnke (Lewis), Rachel Mcann (Cumberland) and Jackson Bissell (Massena)

Members absent: Dave Reynolds (Elliott), Ford Lillard (Wiota), Greg Vetter (Grant), Clif Anderson (Council Bluffs FD) and Mark O'Brien (EMA)

Staff present: E911 Director Mike Kennon and Dispatch Supervisor Bobbi Jo Steffensmeier

Citizens present: None.

Chair Jackson Bissell called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

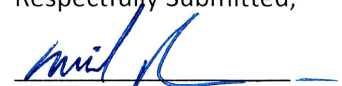
M/S/C Green / Jahnke to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.

At 6:03pm Chair Bissell opened the Public Hearing on the proposed FYE2027 Cass County 911 Service Board Budget as published in the 1-10-2025 edition of the Atlantic News-Telegraph. Kennon reported that there was a fund balance of \$278,608, but that he had received a \$90K invoice before this meeting for Motorola annual maintenance of the ISICS radio system. Kennon said that there are opportunities to fund new projects, but we must keep existing obligations in mind. There were no other questions or comments regarding the 911SB Budget.

M/S/C Behrens / Green to close the Public Hearing at 6:11pm
Chair Bissell closed the Public Hearing.

M/S/C Behrens / Green to approve the FYE2027 Proposed Cass County 911 Service Board Budget as presented.
Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Election of Officers

M/S/C Green / Daughenbaugh to nominate the following slate of officers for this year. No further nominations.

- Chair: Jackson Bissell
- Vice Chair: Jim Behrens
- Recording Secretary: Mike Kennon

M/S/C Behrens / Jahnke to approve the prior meeting Minutes. Carried unanimously.

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

Coordinator's Report: Mike Kennon reported that the current 911SB fund balance is over \$278K. There are no newly proposed projects. We must be mindful of our fund balance and future obligations in light of the fact that our surcharge income from the State is somewhat in question. There are many questions about the future of County PSAPs and their relationship with local Emergency Management Agencies.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Bobbi Jo proposed spending \$1500 plus \$225 annually to fund an upgrade to our CAD system that will allow dispatch to work better with IamResponding (IAR), the utility we currently use to emergency text notify responders. The new feature will allow response agencies to more easily access call information. Bobbi Jo said that it is unclear how much this might cost the local response agencies. Kennon added that this appears to be a very cost-effective move that should occur. The question is whether this Board should help cover the cost for local emergency response agencies.

M/S/C Williams / Daughenbaugh to fund the purchase SWCAD update to improve interface with IAR functions. Carried unanimously.

Bobbi Jo was tasked with finding out the cost to local emergency response agencies for this upgrade. This cost may become a possible proposed project to be brought before this Board.

There were no public comments or concerns.

M/S/C Green / Daughenbaugh to adjourn at 6:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

