

Cass County Public Safety Communications Commission

Minutes

November 19, 2019

Cass County 911 Center – 705 Poplar, Atlantic, Iowa

Present: Steve Green, CC BOS; Chris Jimerson, Atlantic; Kathy Somers, Atlantic; Mark O'Brien, CC BOS

Absent: None.

Staff present: Mike Kennon, TAC

Citizens present: None.

Chair Chris Jimerson called the meeting to order at 5:18pm.

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

M/S/C Somers / Green to approve the minutes of the 10-22-2019 meeting. Carried unanimously.

M/S/C Somers / O'Brien to approve October 2019 financial reports. Carried unanimously.

TAC Report: Mike Kennon reported that he had just received ISICS handheld radios from Motorola for local fire departments and EMA. He stated that we are still waiting for consoles to be received and installed in the PSAP which would allow emergency responders to talk directly to Dispatch on County Fire and County LAW talk groups.

Kennon said that he had been contacted via email from Zetron about the State shared services program. We intend to take advantage of this program to acquire a new PSAP phone system. Kennon said that nothing more had occurred in this process since the email, so Kennon may need to follow up on this.

Kennon said that there had been an ICAP insurance site visit last week.

Respectfully Submitted



There were three separate entities with policies that were reviewed (Public Safety, 911 and EMA). There were no issues. During the visit, the annual ICAP grant was mentioned. We have a deadline of the end of the calendar year to submit items for this grant.

Kennon then mentioned that he had been working with County Coalition partners (CCMH/Cass PH/Cass EMA) on recent projects. He had just attended a Safeguard Iowa sponsored workshop on Business Continuity at the hospital. The Coalition is also planning to participate in a Regional Hospital Evacuation Exercise in the spring.

Kennon stated that there were still communication problems between the City of Atlantic, County GIS and Kennon concerning address issues. Kennon emphasized that cities are responsible for their street names and addressing. There does not appear to be someone at the City who wants to take on that responsibility. Kathy Somers stated that she would talk with Barb Barrick and that she should be our point-of-contact for City address issues.

Kennon briefly noted that benchmarks for the 911 GIS Grant continue to be met and funds continue to be received. However, Kennon said that he had just made aware that there has been an accounting mishap which placed 911 Surcharge funds into the GIS account. The Auditor's Office has told Kennon that they will correct the error as soon as possible.

Finally, Kennon reported that there had been possible mechanical/fuel issues with the large generator for the courthouse. There is also a large generator for the Law Office building that houses the Dispatch Center. Regular annual maintenance has been lacking on both of these generators.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public comments or concerns: None.

M/S/C O'Brien / Green to adjourn at 6:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted

