

# Cass County 911 Service Board

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## MINUTES

January 28, 2020 – 6:00pm  
Cass County 911 Center – 705 Poplar

Members present: Jim Behrens (Atlantic), Mark O'Brien (Cass County), Virginia Coughlin (Cumberland), Julie Adams (Griswold), Randy Baxter (Marne), Jackson Bissell (Massena), Greg Vetter (Grant), Darby McLaren (CCSO) and Steve Green (EMA)

Members absent: Kevin Christensen (Brayton), Dave Reynolds (Elliott), Ford Lillard (Wiota), Derrick Williams (Council Bluffs) Tom Harris (Anita) and Ryan Archibald (Lewis)

Staff present: E911 Director Mike Kennon

Citizens present: Paul Wood (APD)

Chair Steve Green called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Introductions

M/S/C O'Brien / Coughlin to approve the agenda as published. Carried unanimously.

At 6:02pm Chair Green opened the Public Hearing on the proposed FYE2021 Cass County 911 Service Board Budget as published in the 1-17-2020 edition of the Atlantic News-Telegraph. Kennon indicated that there were no extraordinary projects beyond the \$100,000 to be spent on portable dual-band radios for Cass County Fire Departments and purchase of two consolette radios with related equipment bought and installed at the Cass Co. Communications Center.

At 6:09pm, Chair Green closed the Public Hearing.

M/S/C O'Brien / McLaren to approve the FYE2021 Cass County 911 Service Board Budget. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Election of Officers

M/S/C Green / McLaren to nominate Mark O'Brien Chair. No further nominations. Carried unanimously.

M/S/C Green / Baxter to nominate Jim Behrens Vice Chair. No further nominations. Carried unanimously.

M/S/C Green / Baxter to nominate Mike Kennon Recording Secretary. No further nominations. Carried unanimously.

M/S/C Adams / Green to approve the prior meeting Minutes. Carried unanimously.

M/S/C Adams / McLaren to approve the Financial Statements since last meeting. Carried unanimously.

Director's Report: Mike Kennon updated the Board on progress of the new Statewide Radio System. Cass County 911 SB bought and installed two ISICS console radios. Local responders are now able to talk with our dispatchers on local talk groups. This should allow us to test new radios and determine radio coverage.

Sometime before April 1, new Call-Taking equipment should be installed in dispatch. The cost of this will be paid primarily by the State as part of their PSAP Virtual Consolidation Plan. Also as part of this plan, wireline 911 calls will soon be routed to a remote centralized location and re-routed back to our PSAP as a VOIP call.

Finally, Kennon gave a recommendation to eventually move to a Motorola dispatch console. Cass County currently has a console that is about 5 years old. Kennon explained that the current console will allow very limited access to the new ISICS statewide radio system. A Motorola console would open up the entire offerings of ISICS Talk Groups to our local dispatchers. The main obstacle is cost. A Motorola console would cost around \$350,000.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Atlantic Police Officer Paul Wood requested funds to buy two dual-band portable radios for Atlantic Reserve Officers. Sheriff Darby McLaren requested \$37,000 for vehicular repeaters and \$24,000 for mobile in-car radios. Sheriff McLaren stated that they were in the process of putting demo Motorola repeaters in some of their vehicles.

M/S/C Adams / Bissell to purchase vehicular repeaters for Sheriff's Dept. if demos work as anticipated. Carried unanimously.

M/S/C Adams / Coughlin to purchase mobile in-car dual-band radios (5) for Sheriff's Dept. Carried unanimously.

M/S/C Green / Adams to purchase two dual-band portable radios for the Atlantic Police Reserves. Carried unanimously.

There were no public comments or concerns.

M/S/C Harris / Archibald to adjourn at 6:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



