

Cass County Public Safety Communications Commission

Minutes

January 28, 2020

Cass County 911 Center – 705 Poplar, Atlantic, Iowa

Present: Steve Green, CC BOS; Mark O'Brien, CC BOS; Kathy Somers, Atlantic;
Jim Behrens, Atlantic
Absent: None

Staff present: Mike Kennon, TAC
Citizens present: None

Vice Chair Steve Green called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

M/S/C Somers / O'Brien to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

M/S/C O'Brien / Somers to nominate and elect Steve Green as Chair.

M/S/C Green / O'Brien to nominate and elect Kathy Somers as Vice Chair.

M/S/C Green / O'Brien to nominate and elect Mike Kennon as Rec. Secretary.

M/S/C O'Brien / Somers to approve the minutes of the 12-17-2019 meeting. Carried unanimously.

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

TAC Report: Mike Kennon then gave a brief update of Cass County's progress toward integration to the ISICS Statewide Radio System. Two new ISICS consolette radios were recently installed in the Communications Center and attached to the Dispatch Consoles. This allows County Law and Fire the ability to talk to Cass Co. dispatchers on local talk groups.

Kennon also said that progress continues on the State's PSAP Virtual Consolidation Plan. Sometime before April 1, Cass County will convert to a Zetron Call-Taking System. The State covers most of the cost of this change and dispatchers are looking forward to moving away from the current equipment. Kennon also said that the long talked about re-routing of wireline 911 calls should happen sometime in this calendar year. He briefly explained that wireline 911 calls are currently routed by local phone companies to the Comm. Center. These calls are planned to be routed to a regional State site and routed back to the Comm. Center as a VOIP call.

Kennon said that there are plans to work with CCMH on a couple of exercises this spring. Kennon has attended initial planning meetings for an Active Shooter event and a Regional hospital evacuation exercise. Kennon is working with the Cass Co. Courthouse on panic

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alarm testing and will offer NIMS classes to county employees in the next few weeks.

Finally, Kennon reported that there will be a Regional ISICS Training for Dispatchers on February 27th in Red Oak. Kennon said that it is important to take advantage of this type of training offered so close by. He will try to get as big a group of our dispatchers as possible to attend.

Old Business: Kennon handed out copies of the latest proposed budget FYE2021. The budget reflects a slight reduction from last year.

M/S/C Somers / O'Brien to approve proposed FYE2021 budget for Public Safety Communications Board. Carried unanimously.

New Business:

Public comments or concerns: None.

M/S/C Somers / O'Brien to adjourn a 5:57pm.

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