

Cass County Public Safety Communications Commission

Minutes

April 28, 2020

Cass County Communications Cntr Mtg Room – 705 Poplar St., Atlantic, Iowa

Present: Steve Green, CC BOS; Kathy Somers, Atlantic; Jim Behrens,
Atlantic; Mark O'Brien, CC BOS

Absent: None

Staff present: Mike Kennon, TAC; Sheriff Darby McLaren, TAA
Citizens present: None

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

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

M/S/C Somers / O'Brien to approve the minutes of the 2-25-2020 meeting.
Carried unanimously.

M/S/C O'Brien / Behrens to approve March 2020 financial reports. Carried
unanimously.

*Somers requested the Feb. 2020 financial reports be sent to board members.

TAC Report: Mike Kennon reported that Zetron and RACOM were in the
process of installing the new call-taking equipment. Techs are currently
working in the server room, but would soon be at dispatcher workstations.
The cutover date is scheduled for next Wednesday, May 6th. Dispatcher
training will occur either next Monday or Tuesday. There was some concern
about outside personnel being in the Dispatch Center because of COVID-19.
Kennon assured the board that the technicians would wear masks when
working near dispatchers.

Kennon briefly talked about RapidSOS. It is a free service that is put in place
as the call-taking equipment is installed. RapidSOS uses the GPS in cell
phones to locate calls more accurately. County residents must subscribe to the
service to allow access to their cell phones location information.

Respectfully Submitted



Kennon updated the board of a delay in a State project to migrate 911 calls to a central location and route those calls back to our PSAP as a VOIP call. This should be a one or two month delay.

Kennon said that a State 911 Audit that was talked about at the last meeting is completed. He also told the board that a new digital camera had been installed on the tower by the courthouse. It had replaced an old analog camera in the same location. Dispatchers will monitor that camera. It can also pan and zoom to see area surrounding the courthouse.

Kennon then gave a brief update on ISICS integration in Cass County. The Sheriff's Office is well equipped with new radios. Fire Departments continue to receive radio equipment. And the Communications Center has ordered three consolettes to improve emergency response operations. Kennon also said that he has asked for a Motorola proposal for a new dispatch console to greatly improve our ability to monitor and dispatch local ISICS radio operations.

Old Business: Mike Kennon gave a brief update on local COVID-19 response. Kennon makes regular requests for PPE supplies from the State for local EMS, Fire, Law, Long-Term Care Facilities and hospital. We receive shipment from the Iowa National Guard once or twice a week in the courthouse parking lot. Kennon also hosts a conference call each MWF with a variety of County response stakeholders. He also produces a daily Situation Report that is shared widely with stakeholders.

Kennon said he has also been working on staff performance reviews. The COVID-19 response has interrupted this process, but he will get them completed before the end of the fiscal year.

Old Business: None.

Public comments or concerns: None.

M/S/C Behrens / O'Brien to adjourn at 5:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Mike Kennon", written over a horizontal line.