

# Cass County Public Safety Communications Commission

## Minutes

May 26, 2020

Cass County Courthouse Basement Mtg Room – 5 W. 7th 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  
Citizens present: None

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

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

M/S/C Somers / O'Brien to approve the minutes of the 4-28-2020 meeting.  
Carried unanimously.

M/S/C Somers / Behrens to approve April 2020 financial reports. Carried  
unanimously.

TAC Report: Mike Kennon reported that RACOM had installed new Zetron  
call-taking equipment. Dispatchers required very little training and were able  
to start using the new equipment immediately. Kennon also briefly described  
the RapidSOS feature which uses cell phone GPS to more accurately locate a  
911 call.

Kennon said that he had applied for a grant (EMPG – Supplemental) which  
could be used to re-supply County PPE stockpiles and reimburse other Covid-  
19 expenditures.

Lastly, Kennon stated that he would be requesting that the 911 Service Board  
approve a proposal from Motorola for a new Dispatch Console System. He  
said that new consoles would maximize the utility of new ISICS radios in use  
throughout Cass County. Dispatchers are currently quite limited in their

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ability to talk to emergency responders on a multitude of ISICS radio talk groups available on individual radios in the hands of County Law, Fire and EMS personnel.

Kennon said he went to a meeting in Red Oak last week where they recently installed the new consoles. Their people were very impressed as was Kennon. Adams County is also in the process of unveiling new Motorola consoles.

A new Motorola console would be attached to the ISICS statewide radio platform through the ICN fiber system. Seven console radios would be used for redundancy of basic service in case of a fiber disruption.

Old Business: Mike Kennon said he continues to work on staff performance reviews to be completed by the end of June. He also said that he had filled out FMLA paperwork on a staff member who had recently undergone a medical procedure and would not be back to work immediately.

New Business: None.

Public comments or concerns: None.

M/S/C O'Brien / Somers to adjourn at 5:51pm.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M. O'Brien", written over a horizontal line.