

Cass County Public Safety Communications Commission

Minutes

April 27, 2021

Cass County Courthouse Basement Meeting Room – 5 West 7th Street, 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

Chair Steve Green called the meeting to order at 5:20pm.

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

M/S/C O'Brien / Behrens to approve the minutes of the 3-23-2021 meeting. Carried
unanimously.

M/S/C Somers / O'Brien to approve March 2021 financial reports. Carried unanimously.

TAC Report: Mike Kennon reported that he had received a two-week notice from a dispatcher a couple of weeks ago. He told the Board that he had placed want ads for the open position in the three local newspapers He had also put links to the application on the Cass County Home Page and on the Atlantic Chamber of Commerce Jobs Page. Physical copies of the application could also be picked up from the Sheriff's and Auditor's Offices. The deadline to submit applications is April 30th at 4:00pm. Interviews will be scheduled to start the first week of May.

There was a discussion about who should conduct and participate in these interviews. Mark O'Brien offered to sit in on interviews if his schedule allowed. It was also suggested that Sheriff Darby McLaren and a representative from the Atlantic PD might join Kennon to interview prospective candidates.

Remaining dispatchers have shown an interest in changing their existing shifts. Kennon will work with the dispatch staff to help accommodate these requests.

Kennon stated that Motorola had emailed a requested proposal for an Enhancement Site for 700Mhz radio coverage in the City of Atlantic and surrounding area.

Respectfully Submitted



Kennon has been in contact with IDOT officials concerning a tower site south of Atlantic. Kennon has indicated to them that he would like to transfer equipment from another nearby tower site. The DOT officials have been asked to provide options for the Cass County 911SB to consider.

Finally, Kennon said he has been informed that a new medical helicopter service will soon move into the old MidWest hanger in Audubon. He was also told that this helicopter will spend considerable time on the landing pad at CHS.

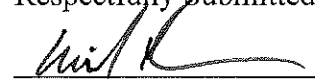
Old Business: Kennon said that discussion about possible changes to organizational structure should be put on hold as well as adopting the County Employee Handbook. These projects can be revisited when there is less personnel change occurring.

New Business: None.

Public comments or concerns: None.

M/S/C O'Brien / Behrens to adjourn a 5:55pm

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