

Cass County Public Safety Commission

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Minutes

February 16, 2015
Basement Meeting Room

<u>Member</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Gaylord Schelling	Cass County	X	
Mark Wedemeyer	Cass County	X	
Chris Jimerson	City of Atlantic	X	
Kathy Somers	City of Atlantic	X	

Staff present: Rob Koppert

Citizens present: Mike Kennon, Tom Harris

Chairperson Gaylord Schelling opened the meeting at 5:04pm.

M/S/C Somers / Wedemeyer to approve the agenda as published. Carried unanimously.

M/S/C Wedemeyer / Jimerson to approve the January 2015 Minutes. Carried unanimously.

M/S/C Harris / Askeland to approve the January 2015 financial statements and bills. Carried unanimously.

911 Director and TAC Rob Koppert presented his Monthly Hour and Work-log Report. There were no questions by the Commission. Koppert reporting on the Cass County Courthouse VoIP Telephone System RFP and the reviews of the proposals. He also updated the Commission on legislation in the Iowa Legislature that could have a detrimental impact on wireless 911 funds the county currently receives.

In business regarding the re-location of the communications center, 911 Director Rob Koppert reported that the fiber optic cable between buildings had been installed and a date set for moving the county servers and other equipment to the new building. He also reported that the installation of the internal network cables at the new center would take place very shortly. All cables would be Cat6 and plenum rated for fire code. It was suggested that he contact Nate Berg of Berg Electric and Heartland Technology Solutions in Harlan in addition to Brown Electric in Atlantic.

In Old Business discussed, the commission discussed the need to hire a 7th full time dispatcher, which with 3% raises for the current staff, would only result in a 1.87% increase in the overall budget. After discussion, the Commission felt that with increased pressure on city and county budgets, plus the concern by some regarding the need for two dispatchers on duty, and that they would prefer to keep the staffing level at 6 and reevaluate next year.

M/S/C Wedemeyer/Jimerson to keeping the staffing level at 6 and reduce the budget accordingly. Carried unanimously.

There was no New Business discussed.

During public comments and concerns, former commission member Tom Harris reiterated that the City of Anita's position on funding the communications center should be a countywide levy based on valuation

MSC Wedemeyer / Jimerson to adjourn at 6:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rob Koppert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R".

Rob Koppert, TAC - Recording Secretary