

Cass County Public Safety Commission

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Minutes

June 25, 2012
Basement Meeting Room

Members present: Steve Livengood, Mark Wedemeyer, Julie Adams, Jeff Bohnsack, Linda Hartkopf
Staff present: Rob Koppert
Citizens present:

Chairperson Steve Livengood opened the meeting at 5:00pm

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

M/S/C Wedemeyer/Livengood to approve the May 29, 2012 Minutes. Carried unanimously.

M/S/C Adams/Bohnsack to approve the May 2012 financial statements and bills. Carried unanimously.

911 Director and TAC Rob Koppert advised the Commission that he would be attending the Communications Technician (COM-T) class in July in West Des Moines. The costs would be paid for by the Iowa Statewide Interoperability Communications Systems Board. He reported that fiber optic line was installed completely and the cutover for the wireless calls to the fiber optic line was completed on June 13, 2012 and there were no problems with the cutover. He also updated the Commission on the hiring of a new employee. Koppert also reported to the Commission on preparations for Fly Iowa to be held at the Atlantic Municipal Airport on September 15, 2012, a recent Western Iowa Communications Center Supervisors meeting he attended in Sioux City on June 11, 2012, updates and some issues with the CAD (computer aided dispatch) system, and the purchase of new file cabinets in the communications center. Koppert also reported on a company called "911 Emergency Assist" which wants to partner with communications centers nationally to notify their clients when relatives have been involved in an accident or other life threatening emergency. Koppert advised he tried several times to contact the company to get answers to many questions and even sent an email which has not been replied to. He mentioned that most centers in Iowa were very concerned about this company, and liabilities it posed on 911 centers in Iowa.

MSC Adams/Wedemeyer not to participate in any project with 911 Emergency Assist. Carried unanimously.

In Old Business, the Commission discussed the continued need to meet with Iowa Department of Public Safety representatives regarding the potential of relocated both Iowa State Patrol communications and Cass County 911 into one building. It was decided that because of the resignation of Commissioner Larry Noble, that letters should be penned to Governor Branstad and local representatives and senator's outlining the proposal and potential cost savings to both entities. It was also suggested that Steve Livengood update the Board of Supervisors on the latest development and seek their support for a letter to governor and legislators.

The Commission also discussed the new communications center and TAC Koppert was asked when he would like to be out of the old center. Koppert replied with a date of July 1, 2014. Steve Livengood reported on his inspection of the used dispatch furniture at Montgomery County and thought was had received a really good deal as it was in excellent condition.

Discussion of the contract for the 911 Director / Terminal Agency Coordinator were tabled at the request of Chair Livengood pending the attendance of member Shawn Shouse.

MSC Adams/Bohnsack to table discussion of the contract for the 911 Director / Terminal Agency Coordinator until next month. Carried unanimously.

There was no New Business discussed.

There were no public comments or concerns.

MSC Adams/Bohnsack to adjourn at 5:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Rob Koppert, TAC - Recording Secretary