

Cass County Public Safety Commission

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Minutes

September 28, 2009
Basement Meeting Room

Members present: Dave Dunfee, Chuck Kinen, Dave Jones and Mitch Holmes
Staff present: Rob Koppert
Citizens present: Mike Kennon, LaVonne Schroeter

Chairperson Dave Dunfee opened the meeting at 5:15pm.

MSC Kinen/Holmes to approve the agenda with the addition of adding "Change of normal meeting time" under new items. Carried unanimously.

MSC Holmes/Jones to approve the August 24, 2009 Minutes as published. Carried unanimously.

MSC Kinen/Holmes to approve the August financial statements and bills. Carried unanimously.

TAC Rob Koppert gave his report and updated the Commission on a recent 911 system outage which caused 911 calls to be transferred to Montgomery County for a period of 9 hours. The apparent cause of the outage was a voltage surge in the 911 system. TAC Koppert updated the Commission on the recent Integrated Warning Team meeting in Ashland, Nebraska held by the National Weather Service. Discussion centered on adequately getting warning information to the public and the role of the National Weather Service, emergency management, 911 centers, and broadcast meteorologists. He also updated the Commission on the recent Iowa 911 Advisory Council meeting and how OnStar and ATX wished to use the wireless 911 trunks to deliver emergency calls from their subscribers directly to the local PSAP. Koppert informed the Commission that he participated in a recent EOC exercise put on by Cass County Emergency Management Agency. He also informed the Commission that Qwest and Intrado had recently upgraded the Lifeline 100 911 System to 10 digit ANI. TAC Koppert also showed business cards he designed, and informed the Commission on the changes of warrant envelopes, the acknowledgement of memorandums, and the conversion of meeting Minutes to PDF format.

In Old Business, the Commission discussed the reinstatement of Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) protocols. Letters were received from Dr. Elaine Berry who serves as medical director for all of the counties EMS squads and from LaVonne Schroeter, Lead Paramedic for Atlantic Medivac Ambulance. Both letters supported EMD. Dave Jones, a former Commission member and representing the City of Atlantic at this meeting in place of Steve Livengood indicated that he thought the program was terrific and need reinstated. After brief discussion on funding EMD, the Commission opted to reinstate EMD in Cass County.

MSC Holmes/Kinen to reinstate EMD in the Cass County Communications Center. Carried unanimously.

The Commission discussed staffing levels of the communications center and also the future needs of the communications center. While not taking any formal action, the Commission instructed TAC Koppert to select a group of 6 to 7 individuals to act as a committee to look into both matters. TAC Koppert indicated he would be willing to do so, but would probably wait until after the upcoming municipal elections.

In New Business, the Commission discussed changing the normal meeting time from 5:15pm to 5:05pm. Recent meetings have been routinely been going past 6:00pm and it was thought that the extra 10 minutes would allow more business to be discussed thoroughly and still leave ample time for members to arrive after their jobs end at 5:00pm.

MSC Kinen/Holmes to change the normal meeting time to 5:05pm. Carried unanimously.

There were no comments or concerns brought by any citizens.

MSC Kinen/Holmes to adjourn at 6:12pm.

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