

Cass County 911 Communications Center

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MINUTES

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Members present: Chuck Kinen, Don Volk, Delores Kirk, Lynn Crozier and Dave Jones
Staff present: Rob Koppert
Citizens present: None

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Kinen at 5:02pm

MSC Jones/Kirk to approve the agenda as published. Carried unanimously.

MSC Volk/Kirk to approve the January 2003 meeting minutes. Carried unanimously.

MSC Crozier/Jones to approve the January financial statements. Carried unanimously.

TAC Koppert gave his report and discussed Dr. Berry's request that the Echo or automatic response levels be initiated. He also reported that Susan Bobenmoyer attended the EMD class in Kansas City, but has not received and information on whether she passed or not. It should be hare 4 to 6 weeks after the class. He also reported the touchscreen for the main dispatch position failed and that either a new normal touchscreen is purchased at the cost of \$1800 or that a LCD touchscreen be purchased at a cost of \$2500. The advantages of the LCD over normal are less glare, easier on the eyes, and should last longer than a normal screen.

In New Business, the Commission heard a recommendation from TAC Koppert on a replacement chair for the communications center. Two dispatchers have appeared before the Commission requesting a new chair. TAC Koppert did some checking and found a company called Concept Seating making a dispatch chair at the cost of \$1000. It has 24/7 duty cycle and comes with a full 6 year warranty. Shelby County uses this chair and has found them to be very satisfactory reporting just minor problems. The Atlantic Police Department uses a version of the chair in the squad cars with excellent results. The Commission discussed the idea with several for the chair and several against spending that much money on a chair. The Commission decided to table the issue and have TAC Koppert check out more alternatives.

TAC Koppert informed the Commission the touchscreen for the main dispatch position failed and that either a new normal touchscreen is purchased at the cost of \$1800 or that a LCD touchscreen be purchased at a cost of \$2500. The advantages of the LCD over normal are less glare, easier on the eyes, and should last longer than a normal screen.

MSC Crozier/Jones to have TAC Koppert continue checking the prices and check on the specs and longevity of the LCD over normal touchscreen and authorize Chairman Kinen to authorize replacement purchase if before next meeting. For: Volk, Jones, Kinen, Crozier. Nay: Kirk. Motion carried.

The Commission briefly discussed personnel problems that led to the loss of a part time dispatcher.

There was no Old Business discussed and no public comments or concerns.

MSC Jones/Kirk to adjourn at 5:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Koppert, TAC

Recording Secretary