

Cass County 911 Communications Center

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MINUTES

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Members present: Chuck Kinen, Don Volk, Dave Jones, John O'Brien and Delores Kirk.
Staff present: Rob Koppert
Citizens present: None

Chairperson Chuck Kinen opened the meeting at 5:01pm.

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

MSC Volk/Kirk to approve the April and May financial report. Carried unanimously.

TAC Rob Koppert gave his report and informed the Commission he had hired Leslie Lee as a fulltime dispatcher and that she has begun her training and had also attended Emergency Medical Dispatch training in Cedar Falls. He also informed the Commission that the new chair from Concept Seating had arrived but the arms had not arrived. When he contacted the company, it was determined the arms were shipped separately and should arrive within the next day or two. He also reported of a grant extension on the Iowa West grant until December 15, 2003 because of problems with writing the exact specifications until a supporting project was completed. It was suggested by the Commission that TAC Koppert publish a bid-letting in the local newspaper and request bids from a variety of companies.

MSC O'Brien/Kirk to approve TAC Koppert's report. Carried unanimously.

In Old Business, TAC Koppert reported that both Racom and Zetron were working on the problem of appropriate software drivers for the touchscreen on the radio console. It was expected that Zetron would inform Racom of any changes and that a DOS driver for the touchscreen should be located within a month. There was no official action taken on this item.

In New Business, TAC Koppert requested the Commission purchase two Eventide DIR911 Instant Recorders to replace equipment that failed in 1997 but was not replaced. The Commission discusses the pros and cons of this equipment purchase and made aware by TAC Koppert that the dispatchers do not have the ability to replay radio transmissions and this could endanger the lives of an officer if the dispatcher did not copy his transmission and the officer failed to further respond. The cost would be \$4000 for the two units needed and there was amply money remaining in the budget. Commission member O'Brien asked why this equipment wasn't replaced when it failed if it was so important.

MSC Kirk/Jones to purchase the two DIR911 Instant Recorders at a cost of \$4000. Aye: Kirk, Jones. Nay: O'Brien, Volk. Chairperson Kinen cast a nay vote to break the tie. Motion failed.

There were no comments or concerns brought by any citizens.

MSC O'Brien/Jones to adjourn at 5:49pm. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Koppert, TAC
Recording Secretary