

Minutes May 8, 2001

Members Present: Chuck Kinen, Dave Jones, John O'Brien, Don Volk, Lynn Crozier
Staff Present: Rob Koppert
Others Present:

Chairman Chuck Kinen called the meeting to order 5:06 p.m.

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

MSC Jones/Crozier to approve the April Minutes. Carried unanimously.

MSC Volk/Crozier to approve the April financial statements as distributed. Carried unanimously.

Terminal Agency Coordinator Koppert gave his report and updated the Commission on the current part time opening, that the Emergency Medical Dispatch training will be held either July 17th through the 19th or August 7th through the 9th here in Atlantic. He presented the final draft of the evaluation forms to the Commission for their review. He also informed the Commission the new cabinet for the second console was installed and looks good, and has save about 1.5 square feet of desktop space in the communications center.

In Old Business, the Commission tabled any action based on the recommendations in the Communications Contingency Study until July.

In New Business, a request by members representing the RAGBRAI committee to install a mobile radio in the communications center to increase the ability to communicate with transportation buses was denied. TAC Koppert pointed out that in the Communications Contingency Study, such a radio was proposed in the event of a complete radio outage at the communications center so that the dispatchers would still be able to communicate with the officers, Atlantic State Radio, and the area surrounding Atlantic on fire and EMS channels and that such a radio including antenna and installation would be around \$1200. Commission member Volk expressed his concern that "we (the Commission) can't keep spending money" and Commission member Jones stated we (the Commission) "can't spend money to prepare for a one-in-a-million chance of this occurring". TAC Koppert pointed out that this exact occurrence has happened twice within the past 2 years, both resulting in the total inoperability of the radios and that on one occurrence, dispatcher Gloria Abild utilized TAC Koppert's emergency management handheld radio to communicate with the Atlantic Police Department. The Commission suggested writing a policy whereby we would use the radio located at the Atlantic Police Department in emergency.

MSC Jones/Kinen not to purchase a radio and to draft a policy utilizing the Atlantic Police Department's base radio in the even of a radio failure at the communications canter.

MSC Jones/O'Brien to adjourn at 5:40pm. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Koppert, TAC
