

## Minutes February 9, 1999

Members Present: Pat Simmons, Dave Jones, Lynn Crozier, Chuck Kinen  
Staff Present: Rob Koppert, Larry Jones (by telephone)  
Others Present: Gloria Abild, Jennifer Schwartz

Call To Order at 5:01 p.m.

Due to Sheriff Jones being ill and present only by telephone, he gave his report at this time. Sheriff Jones reported on the progress of the E911 system and implementation, and reported on the potential need for an additional dispatcher on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. These shifts would be filled with current part-time dispatchers. Sheriff Jones also reported on the appointment of Rob Koppert as communications center TAC and that Rob would be handling the some of the day-to-day matters and paperwork required by the communications center. Sheriff Jones also reported the Public Safety Budget for FY1999/2000 has been submitted to the Cass County Board of Supervisors and has a 12% increase over the current budget. The commission members thanked Sheriff Jones for his report and the telephone line was disconnected.

MSC Jones/Crozier to approve the agenda as published.

MSC Kinen/Crozier to approve to January minutes as printed.

MSC Crozier/Jones to approve the January financial statements as distributed.

The sheriff's report was discussed and the commission felt the sheriff should have submitted the budget to the commission for approval prior to submitting it to the board of supervisors. It was decided to ask the sheriff for an explanation on the budget procedure at the next meeting.

Also discussed was the need for an additional dispatcher on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, and was the E911 implementation going to increase the workload on the dispatcher on those nights. Dispatcher Gloria Abild was asked her opinion, and she declined to offer an opinion on the matter. Dispatcher Jennifer Schwartz stated there were some nights, particularly those mentioned, that there was an increase in radio and telephone traffic through the communications center, and that at times an additional dispatcher would be beneficial.

Rob Koppert was directed to obtain copies of the budget and mail it to the commission members as soon as possible with a possible meeting held before the next scheduled meeting on March 9, 1999 at 5:00p.m.

MSC Jones/Crozier to adjourn at 5:20p.m.

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