

Cass County Public Safety Commission

Minutes

August 8, 2017

Cass County 911 Center – 705 Poplar, Atlantic, Iowa

Present: Chris Jimerson, Atlantic; Steve Green, CC BOS; Kathy Somers, Atlantic; Gaylord Schelling, CC BOS

Absent: None.

Staff present: Mike Kennon

Citizens present: None.

Vice Chair Chris Jimerson called the meeting to order at 5:19 PM.

M/S/C Somers / Green to approve the agenda as published. Carried unanimously.

M/S/C Somers / Green to approve the July 25, 2017 Minutes. Carried unanimously.

TAC Report: Mike Kennon reported on the progress that was being made to get administrative control over all Cass Communications functions and systems. Some radio issues had been addressed. Staff schedules were submitted thru October. CJIS (State) audit follow-ups were getting worked on. The text-to-911 project was ahead of schedule. Kennon was to attend the Western Iowa Comms meeting in Carroll on Wednesday, Aug.9 and the Region 4 EMA meeting in Creston on Friday, Aug.11.

Kennon also stated that Scot Olson had been hired Aug. 4 and was making great progress in the few days he had worked. There was also a brief discussion about whether to give him more hours to train.

M/S/C Somers / Green to approve allowing Scot Olson to receive more than part-time hours to train through the month of August. Carried unanimously.

Gaylord Schelling arrived at the meeting.

Old Business: Kennon reported that Cass County was one of only 7 counties that have not submitted 911 GIS data to the State as required. Geo-Comm has agreed to perform this task and would like to perform our 911 GIS maintenance. We have the option of choosing from a number of maintenance services they offer. If we chose the entire package of services, it would be under \$7,000. Also there is a \$15,000 grant available to pay for these services, but we need to submit GIS data to qualify.

M/S/C Green / Schelling to approve Geo-Comm submission of Cass County 911 GIS data to the State and pursue a maintenance agreement. Carried unanimously.

New Business: There was a brief discussion with Kennon about his willingness to take on the added responsibilities of the Communications Center. Kennon stated that he was interested in the 911 Director position. It was noted that the Cass County EMA Board had also approved allowing Kennon to accept the 911 Director job.

Respectfully Submitted

M/S/C Green / Schelling to appoint Mike Kennon as Interim Cass County 911 Director. The appointment will last no more than a year and will be reviewed at each Cass County Public Safety meeting. Kennon will receive a \$20,000 annual salary effective July 24 for as long as he is in the temporary position as Interim 911 Director. Carried unanimously.

Public comments or concerns: None.

The next Public Safety meeting will be held Tuesday, August 22 at 5:15pm.

M/S/C Schelling / Green to adjourn a 5:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted
