

Cass County Public Safety Communications Commission

Minutes

September 25, 2018

Cass County 911 Center – 705 Poplar, Atlantic, Iowa

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

Absent: None

Staff present: Mike Kennon, TAC; Sheriff Darby McLaren, TAA

Citizens present: None.

Chair Gaylord Schelling called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

M/S/C Green / Jimerson to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.

M/S/C Somers / Green to approve the minutes of the 8-28-2018 meeting. Carried unanimously.

M/S/C Jimerson / Green to approve August 2018 financial reports. Carried unanimously.

TAC Report: Mike Kennon reported that the Anita Repeater had to be repaired since the last meeting. RACOM temporarily fixed the repeater and will have to return with parts for a permanent fix. The RACOM tech will then address some minor console issues we have in the Communications Center.

Kennon and Jennifer Holaday attended ShieldWare CAD Admin Training on September 12-13 in Des Moines. The training was very beneficial and work has begun to edit intersection and street span mapping information to improve CAD performance.

Kennon has been informed by the County IT Director that many of the Communications Center computer servers will need to be replaced in the coming year due to having operating systems that will become unsupported.

Kennon has continued to work with Public Health and Hospital representatives with the Countywide Triage/Tracking Program and distributing Stop-the-Bleed kits. Kennon will meet with the Atlantic School Supt. this week to discuss development of a quality Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan for the school system. Kennon will also attend a Workplace Safety Training on Oct. 16th in Johnston. Atlantic's Firemen's Breakfast will be Oct. 7th and the Firemen's Parade will be Oct. 13th.

Finally, there was extensive discussion about the future of county radio communication in general and a Motorola State Radio proposal specifically. Motorola has submitted a nearly \$5 million proposal for local enhancements for Cass County to integrate into the ISICS Radio Platform. Kennon stated that he had been testing 700Mhz handheld radios that were

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programmed and provided by Motorola. These tests showed that there is moderate to very good on-street portable radio coverage throughout Cass County. In-building portable radio coverage can be sporadic based primarily on the distance from the State Towers in the Cities of Adair, Lewis and Corning. Kennon acknowledged that Cass County could expect nearly complete mobile (in car) and portable in-street radio coverage throughout Cass County without doing anything other than buying 700Mhz radios and subscribing to the ISICS Platform.

Kennon was then asked about what projects from the proposal were absolutely necessary. He stated that the State had contemplated withholding 911 surcharge funds if a PSAP or Communications Center did not join the ISICS Platform. Also, the enhancement for the City of Atlantic would be the easiest, most cost effective recommendation from the Motorola.

Old Business: There is nothing new to report on the Statewide Radio System, Virtual 911 Consolidation or Employee Handbook.

New Business: None.

Public comments or concerns: None.

M/S/C Green / Jimerson to adjourn a 6:38pm.

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