

Cass County Public Safety Communications Commission

Minutes

October 23, 2018

Cass County 911 Center – 705 Poplar, Atlantic, Iowa

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

Absent: Chris Jimerson, Atlantic

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 / Somers to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.

M/S/C Green / Somers to approve the minutes of the 9-25-2018 meeting. Carried
unanimously.

M/S/C Somers / Green to approve September 2018 financial reports. Carried unanimously.

TAC Report: Mike Kennon reported that an application for access to the new Statewide Radio System was in progress. Kennon said he will follow up on the status of the application since he has not heard anything from ISISCs lately. He said that Cass County will be moving ahead more aggressively to get current dual band radios on the system and encourage local entities to purchase compatible 700 MHz radios. The process to get the Comm Center hooked up to ISICS and decisions to build local radio system enhancements from Motorola shouldn't stop County entities from obtaining individual radio subscriptions to access the Statewide system.

Kennon then addressed some minor individual staff issues with the Board. He said that morale is very good among the Dispatchers overall. Kennon stated that all of the Comm Center staff had completed their wellness reporting objectives before an Oct. 31 deadline. He also said that two Dispatchers had represented EMA/911 at the recent Fireman's Parade in Atlantic.

Kennon handed out a document that showed 911 Wireless Calls broken down by County for the last year. Cass County answered 4,199 Wireless 911 Calls FYE2018. This figure was much higher than any surrounding County other than for Pottawattamie County. Audubon: 647, Guthrie: 1940, Adair: 2735, Adams: 559, Montgomery: 2506, Shelby: 1400. Finally, Kennon asked the Board about the upcoming departmental Budget and when they would like to see a completed version. The Board then gave Kennon some direction and he said he would have a preliminary Budget ready at next month's meeting.

Respectfully Submitted



Old Business: Kennon reported that he had just received a letter from AT&T concerning routing of 911 calls to a call center, converting those calls to a VoIP format and routing them to our Comm Center. AT&T will also collect and remit 911 surcharges. This is the first step in the State Virtual 911 Consolidation process.

Motorola has not issued a new proposal for local enhancements for the Statewide Radio System. They may not be quickly getting back to us due to our rejection or lack of enthusiasm for previous proposals.

New Business: None.

Public comments or concerns: None.

M/S/C Green / Somers to adjourn a 5:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted


