

Cass County Public Safety Commission

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Minutes

May 23, 2011
Basement Meeting Room

Members present: Mark Wedemeyer, Shawn Shouse, Steve Livengood, and Mitch Holmes
Staff present: Rob Koppert
Citizens present: Mike Kennon, EMA Coordinator

Chairperson Steve Livengood opened the meeting at 5:02pm

MSC Shouse/Holmes to approve the agenda as published. Carried unanimously.

MSC Shouse/Holmes to approve the April 2011 Minutes. Carried unanimously.

MSC Shouse/Holmes to approve the April financial statements and bills. Carried unanimously.

TAC Rob Koppert gave a brief report on his assistance to the Cass County Fire Association's grant application for updated communications equipment, planning efforts being done to support RAGBRAI in July and the failure of the "new" shredder. He also demonstrated the software program MACH and how it benefitted the communications center. He also discussed with the Commission, 911 call statistics and how the migration of users from landline based telephones to wireless telephones affected the communications center both financially and operationally. He also played a 911 call that is becoming more and more a common occurrence and how it affects the communications center staff.

There was no Old Business discussed.

In New Business, the Commission discussed the purchase of newly released software that will integrate the computer aided dispatch software with the emergency medical dispatch software. The added software was not budgeted for since it was newly released, but there was adequate funding in the budget to pay for the software, and still remain well under budget for the year. Commission members Wedemeyer and Holmes both expressed their concern about spending money for something that was not budgeted for.

MSC Shouse/Holmes to purchase the CAD/EMD integration software for \$4500.00. Ayes: Shouse, Livengood, Holmes. Nays: Wedemeyer. Motion carried.

MSC Shouse/Holmes to purchase a new chair for position 2 in the communications center. The current chair is nearly 8 years old, no longer under warranty and in need of repair. Carried unanimously.

There were no comments or concerns brought by any citizens.

MSC Holmes/Adams to adjourn at 6:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rob Koppert, TAC - Recording Secretary