

# **Cass County 911 Communications Center**

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## **MINUTES**

August 25, 2003

Members present:      Chuck Kinen, Don Volk, Dave Jones, Delores Kirk and Jon Oakley representing Atlantic.  
Staff present:      Rob Koppert  
Citizens present:      Cass County Attorney Jim Barry

Chairperson Chuck Kinen opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

At the request of Cass County Attorney Jim Barry, the lone item listed under New Business was brought forward for discussion at this time. Barry informed the Commission that he had sent a reply to the union representing the dispatchers requesting the union present their initial offer on September 26, 2003. In briefed the Commission on the various rules and requirements on negotiating with the union and suggested the Commission form a committee to work on the union negotiations and conduct them on behalf of the full Commission.

MSC Kirk/Oakley to have Dave Jones and Don Volk sit on the committee with Chuck Kinen as a alternate for Don Volk. Carried unanimously.

The committee will meet on September 12, 2003 at 9:00am to discuss negotiating strategy.

MSC Jones/Kirk to approve the agenda as published with the exception of the previous item. Carried unanimously.

The approval of the July Minutes were tabled due to an error with the published Minutes. TAC Koppert will have the Minutes for the June and July meetings available at the September meeting for approval.

MSC Kirk/Oakley to approve the July financial statements and bills. Carried unanimously.

TAC Rob Koppert gave his report and updated the Commission on the Datamaxx over-billing issue. Datamaxx provides the software needed to run the IOWA System computer and they have been billing the Commission for a 5 user LAN system when a single position is used. TAC Koppert will further contact Datamaxx and ask for a settlement or turn the matter over to the county attorney unless a settlement can be reached.

In Old Business, the Commission briefly discussed the touchscreen dispatch computer issue. TAC Koppert informed the Commission that Zetron, the maker of the software and screen, and Racom were working on a solution but in his view, it appears that the cheapest and easiest method to resolve the issue would be to purchase a new computer and software. TAC Koppert will look into various options, including a computer from the treasurer's office, and applying for a grant.

In New Business, Chairperson Chuck Kinen brought forth a request from TAC Koppert for an increase in salary as TAC. He did not receive a increase in the last two years. Commission member Volk stated he believed there should be a cap on the salary, stating the job was actually the sheriff's and he should be doing it with the money to pay for it coming from the sheriff's budget. The increase would be 7.8% which would reflect 3.9% for the year beginning July 1, 2002 and 3.9% for the year beginning July 1, 2003.

MSC Kirk/Jones to increase the salary a total of 7%, with 3.5% reflecting the year beginning July 1, 2002 and 3.5% reflecting the year beginning July 1, 2003 and effective September 1, 2003. Ayes: Kirk, Jones, Oakley. Nay: Volk. Motion carried.

Commission member Jones informed the Commission that the City of Atlantic did not intend to appoint a replacement for Commission member John O'Brien until the elections in November.

There were no comments or concerns brought by any citizens.

Motion to adjourn at 5:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Koppert, TAC  
Recording Secretary