

Cass County Public Safety Communications Commission

Minutes

May 28, 2019

Cass County 911 Center – 705 Poplar, Atlantic, Iowa

Present: Steve Green, CC BOS; Kathy Somers, Atlantic; Chris Jimerson, Atlantic;
Mark O'Brien, CC BOS
Absent: None

Staff present: Mike Kennon, TAC, Darby McLaren, TAA and Philip Davis,
Dispatcher

Citizens present: None

Vice Chair Steve Green called the meeting to order at 5:24pm.

M/S/C Somers / O'Brien to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.

M/S/C Somers / O'Brien to approve the minutes of the 4-23-2019 meeting. Carried
unanimously.

M/S/C O'Brien / Somers to approve April 2019 financial reports. Carried unanimously.

TAC Report: Mike Kennon reported that equipment had arrived that would allow the Communications Center access to the ISICS Statewide radio platform. Cass County had received the State supplied equipment earlier than most counties due to Atlantic being an overnight town for RAGBRAI. Kennon is working with RACOM and Motorola to get equipment installed as soon as possible, though these companies are competitors and don't always work well with each other.

Kennon stated that preparations for RAGBRAI continue. Between 911 and EMA, Kennon has responsibilities for Emergency Planning, Contingency Planning, Event Communications and Public Safety Response. Kennon is currently determining Dispatch personnel needs and staff scheduling for the three-day event.

Kennon said that there were some issues in the last month with connectivity to Atlantic's City Hall that affected CAD at the Police Dept. A technician from Marne-Elkhorn Telephone fixed the connection, but he identified the advanced age of the equipment and trees in link path as possible future problems. Kennon and Police Chief Dave Erickson will identify the tree in question and either get the tree trimmed or move the signal receivers.

Kennon stated that he was contacted by the IT person at CCHS, Mike Brady. He had questions about the radio tower and equipment housed at the hospital. He wanted to know

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why the equipment was at the hospital and who was ultimately responsible for it. Kennon did not have immediate answers for him, but after making some phone calls, he got back to Mr. Brady. The equipment was purchased by the hospital with grant money several years ago, so it is owned and controlled by the hospital. The radio frequency is not used as much as it used to be, but it is still used by EMS helicopters and ambulances visiting from outside the County. Kennon said that there may come a time when the equipment fails and CCHS and 911 will have to determine if the EMS equipment and frequency will continue to be maintained.

Additionally, Kennon told the Board that our insurance company (ICAP) is offering a \$1,000 reimbursement grant to be used for eligible safety equipment and materials. The funds must be claimed before the end of the calendar year.

Finally, Kennon said that he had talked to the City of Atlantic about street address issues. Specifically, there are a mix of new city addresses and old county addresses in areas that have been annexed by the City on the east end of Atlantic.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public comments or concerns: Kathy Somers asked if there was something that could be done to update Google maps to include locations of all city parks and park features ie. campground, ball diamond, pool, shelters, bathrooms, picnic area, frisbee golf and playgrounds at Sunnyside Park. Kennon stated that he could get with Andrea Goins, Cass County IT/GIS and submit updates to Google maps. He did say that it is a process that may take time and several subissions.

M/S/C O'Brien / Jimerson to adjourn a 6:16pm.

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