

Cass County Public Safety Communications Commission

Minutes

July 30, 2024

Cass County Courthouse Basement Meeting Rm – 5 W. 7th St., Atlantic, Iowa

Present: Steve Green, CC BOS; Mark O'Brien, CC BOS; Jim Behrens, Atlantic;
Shawn Sarsfield, Atlantic

Absent: None.

Staff present: Mike Kennon, 911 Services Coordinator; Bobbi Jo Steffensmeier,
Dispatch Supervisor

Guests: John Westering, CCSO; Clif Anderson, Cbfd; Erik Johnson, AmeriCorps

Chair Mark O'Brien called the meeting to order at 5:20pm.

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

M/S/C Behrens / Green to approve the minutes of the 6-25-2024 meeting. Carried
unanimously.

M/S/C Green / Behrens to approve the June 2024 Financial Reports. Carried unanimously.

911 Services Coordinator's Report: Bobbi Jo reported that our new hire is working well. She is enthusiastic and eager to learn. She is getting her home sold in Texas and is looking for a place to live around here. We have another Dispatcher very nearly ready to work alone. He also needs to attend the State 40-Hour course. Finally, we have a Dispatcher who was attacked by a dog at her home and sustained serious injuries to her hands and arms. She has continued to work while rehabbing from her injuries.

The overnight of July 18-19, the Communications Center experienced internet and other issues as a result of the nation-wide CrowdStrike Outage. Dispatch was able to use phone systems and radio, but CAD, mapping, IOWA System and other internet-based functions were unavailable from about midnight – 3:00am. Sean Berens (IT), Bobbi Jo and Kennon were all called in to the Comms Center to assist.

RAGBRAI overnighed in Atlantic on Monday, July 22nd. Also, Griswold, Lewis, Wiota, Cumberland and Massena were pass-thru towns on the bike route. There were some normal bike injuries on the route that were addressed with RAGBRAI medical response teams. Otherwise, RAGBRAI was fairly un-eventful for our Dispatchers.

Respectfully Submitted



Erik Johnson then addressed the Board about the possibility of reupping his contract with AmeriCorps for a 3rd term to administer the Cass County Rural First-Aid Pilot Project. Erik just recently started his 2nd term. Kennon stated that there was over \$50K of grant funding that needed to be spent before the grant period ends. There was also a discussion about the program and its long-term viability.

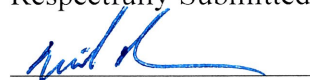
Old Business:

New Business: None.

Public comments or concerns: None.

M/S/C Green / Behrens to adjourn a 5:58pm

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Erik Johnson", is written over a horizontal line.