

MAHASKA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Mahaska County 911 Board Meeting Minutes

The Mahaska County 911 Board met at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at the Mahaska County Conservation Complex, 2342 Hwy 92, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577;

The meeting was called to order by Chair Van Renterghem at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Members: Amal Eltahir, Gene Rouze, Marcia Slycord, Brian DesPlanque, Jeff Long, Chris Terrell, Loren Vos, Brice Loonan, and Russ Van Renterghem.

Non-Members: David Krutzfeldt, Josh Stevens, Cheryl Eklofe, Gayla Harrison, Andrew Ritland, Jamey Robinson.

Agenda as follows:

1. Approve the current agenda
 - o Motion by Vos to approve the agenda, 2nd by Slycord, no further discussion, motion passed 9-0
2. Approve Minutes- 02-03-2022
 - o Motion by Rouze to approve the minutes, 2nd by Vos, no further discussion, motion passed 9-0
3. Public comments-None

Items for the August 24, 2022 meeting:

1. Funds transfer to EMA from 911 Operations-Discussion/Action
 - o \$170,379.05

Robinson states that the 911 board needs to approve an operations budget adjustment to EMA. He states that the county deposited their portion all into 911, so EMA is now in the negative. This money was budget for Emergency Communications. Motion by Rouze to transfer the funds to EMA from 911 Operations, 2nd by Terrell, motion passed 9-0.

2. Radio System-Discussion/action
 - o Update on system

Robinson advises the 911 board where the radio system is in the buildout. He states that they have worked through the radio programming, and other end user requirements. He is hopeful they will setup training soon. Rouze did ask about Blakesburg school getting an emergency radio since we are providing them other schools in that district. Robinson states that the

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Governor released information about school radios the day after the 911 board approved this purchase. So action was taken.

- Countywide Pager Project-112-\$98,000
 - Barnes City
 - New Sharon
 - Oskaloosa
 - Mahaska EMS
 - Cedar Township
 - Eddyville
 - Pella Ambulance
 - Sully
 - Whatcheer
 - Montezuma
 - Pella Fire
 - Bussey
 - Clay Township

Robinson states that one of the areas he is seeing an issue with is paging. Departments don't have enough as well as with the new system they won't hear the new digital traffic. He further states that there is a pager that would allow them to page and then monitor other talkgroups on the new system. There is a discussion among the members about this project. Motion by Long to approve the purchase of pagers, 2nd by DesPlanque, no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

1. Next meeting will be a doodle poll
2. Adjourn- Motion by Rouze to adjourn, 2nd by Vos, no further discussion, approved 9-0.