

IROQUOIS COUNTY ETSB MEETING
April 15, 2014

Opening of the Meeting

Chairman Gocken opened the meeting at 6:37pm. Members present were Ryan Brault, Jeff Glenn, Ron Gocken, Vern Grohler, Derek Hagen (arrived at 6:50), Roger Lebeck, Howard Loy, John Solomon, and Jed Whitlow. Members absent were Jason Brown, Frank Hines, and Joel Moore. Also present were 911 Coordinator Nita Dubble, Ken Cailteux of KC Communications, Wendy Davis of the Watseka Times Republic, and Sandy Drake. ESDA Director Carl Gerdovich arrived at 6:55pm.

Roll call for mileage reimbursement: Answering yes were Brault, Grohler, Lebeck, Loy, and Whitlow. Answering no were Glenn, Gocken, Hagen, and Solomon.

Approval of the March 25, 2014 Minutes

Lebeck moved to waive the reading of the March 25, 2014 minutes and accept them as written. Grohler seconded. Minutes were accepted.

Public Comment

No Report.

Old Business

No Report.

New Business

Dubble advised the 911 Advisory Board continues to meet each Monday. Currently it does not look like there is much improvement. Their report (which should show how funds are desperately needed across the state) must be turned in to the Legislatures by May 1st.

The creation of a committee to meet with the County Board regarding the ETSB and funding was discussed in depth. Hagen made a motion which was seconded by Loy for the following: The ETSB Board will form a three person committee for the purpose of meeting with the Iroquois County Board regarding the ETSB/911. Legal representation is not a requirement of said committee. Motion passed with six yes votes, two no votes and one abstaining from the vote. Discussion regarding the makeup of the committee followed. Glenn, Hagen, and Hines were selected.

Equipment Procurement

The new frequency switch over was discussed, County Wide A (talk) and County Wide B (page and backup). Most departments have been switched over with the exception of a few which will be completed in the next few days. Some issues have arisen but should be rectified with training.

All fire departments that have a license for 154.400 will have to be re-licensed.

Donovan mini console was hit by lightening and needs repairs. The new frequency in Crescent City was also hit by lightening and the antenna and coax may need to be replaced.

Cross muting issues have been corrected.

Dubble advised the server switch over is nearly complete. All went well. There are a few minor issues that are still being worked on.

Cailteux advised he spoke with the FCC regarding using 100 watts at the four remote locations in Iroquois County. The FCC has decided to allow the sites to remain at 100 watts with the exception of Donovan .

Dubble advised the new server purchased by the County is not currently on a generator. This should be rectified in the near future according to the County Board Chairman.

Discussion was held regarding the maintenance of the ETSB generator. Dubble will look into a company in the Kankakee area to determine if it would be a better (less expensive) choice. Dubble stated the company currently taking care of the generator is out of Mokena and there has never been an issue and they are always very prompt and helpful.

Facility Operations

No Report.

Fire Service and EMS

No Report.

Law Enforcement

No Report.

MSAG

No Report.

Personnel

Dubble advised that the Statements of Economic Interest need to be returned by May 1st.

Dubble's employment contract was discussed. Brault made a motion to recognize the final typed contract presented. Seconded by Solomon. Motion passed.

Public Relations

No Report.

Joint Dispatch

No Report.

Finance

The Board reviewed the bills submitted. Lebeck made a motion to approve the bills and accept the finances based on the claims presented. Seconded by Grohler. Motion passed.

Other Business

No Report

Adjournment

Grohler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Solomon . Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm. The next meeting will be May 20th at 6:30 p.m.