

IROQUOIS COUNTY ETSB MEETING
January 28, 2016 7:00pm

Opening of the Meeting

911 Director Nita Dubble opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Members present were Larry Bauer, Ryan Brault, Jeremy Douglas, Vern Grohler, and Marvin Stichnoth. Member absent was Dan Rayman. Also present were Assistant 911 Coordinator Sandy Drake and Wendy Davis from the Times Republic.

Roll call for mileage reimbursement: Answering yes were Brault, Grohler, and Stichnoth. Answering no were Bauer and Douglas.

Election of Officers

Following a vote by show of hands; Douglas, Grohler, and Brault voted for Brault. Stichnoth and Bauer voted for Grohler. Appointed as Chairman was Brault.

At this time, Chairman Brault took over the meeting.

Brault requested nominations for Vice-Chairman. Grohler the only candidate and was appointed.

Approval of Minutes

Grohler made a motion to approve the December 15, 2015 minutes. Seconded by Stichnoth. Minutes were accepted.

Public Comment

No Report.

Old Business

Dubble advised the Telecommunicator Negotiations with the mediator continue to slowly move forward however; at this time an arbitrator has been called in. Meetings with the mediator will continue to take place until the arbitrator is available. The next meeting will take place the week of March 14, 2016.

Dubble stated that the School Shooter Class discussed at the last meeting will not take place due to the Sandy Hook first responders discontinuing this class. Consequently, a replacement session is being sought after in order to make use of the \$4,000.00 NENA grant.

Continuing education for EMD certifications was discussed. All TC's are Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) certified and must attend continuing education classes to keep their certifications up-to-date.

2016 meeting dates for the ETSB were covered and all agreed the dates and times listed were suitable.

New Business

Dubble briefed the Board on the current 911 legislation and updates including Illinois Public Act 99-006, which will provide additional income in the near future. The only income received by the ETSB for 911 is from cell phones and wire line phones. With this Public Act, the 911 fee has been set the same across the state for every telephone (cell phone and landline) at \$0.87. The funds from this fee will be distributed to the ETSBs across Illinois by the State. According to the formula the State is using to distribute the funds, Iroquois County ETSB should receive approximately \$80,000.00 per year more than in previous years. In addition, the network costs normally paid to AT&T, Frontier, etc. by the ETSBs will be paid by the State. This alone could result in an increase

of approximately \$50,000.00 a year for the Iroquois County ETSB. After all changes are in place the Iroquois County ETSB is projected to receive an additional (approximately) \$100,000 a year total.

Equipment / Facility Operations / MSAG

Investigation continues on the issue with Fire Band A “open Mic”. It appears an outside source is the cause.

Dubble advised the furnace in the center was not working and has been repaired.

Public Safety

Dubble reviewed the December and 2015 yearly total dispatch stats.

Finance / Personnel / Public Relations

Dubble informed the board it has been requested that both Dubble and Drake’s sick and vacation time be changed to match the County policies. Discussion followed. At this time, no changes will be made until the County finalizes their policies.

The Board reviewed the bills submitted. Grohler made a motion to accept the ETSB & ICOM finances based on the claims presented. Seconded by Stichnoth. Motion passed.

Other Business

Bauer questioned what the board members terms were. At this time it is unknown as the County Board Chairman will assign them.

Brault briefly discussed committee assignments. At this time no committees were assigned.

Bauer requested e-mail and contact information for the 911 Board Members.

Adjournment

There being no further business Grohler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bauer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next ETSB meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on February 16, 2016.