

IROQUOIS COUNTY ETSB MEETING
July 28, 2015 at 7:00pm

Opening of the Meeting

Chairman Roger Lebeck opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Members present were Jason Brown, Vern Grohler, Roger Lebeck, Howard Loy, and Marvin Stichnoth. Member absent was Daniel Rayman. Also present were 911 Coordinator Nita Dubble and Assistant 911 Coordinator Sandy Drake.

Roll call for mileage reimbursement: Answering yes were Brown, Grohler, Lebeck, Loy, and Stichnoth.

Approval of Minutes

Loy noted that Daniel Rayman was present at the June 16 meeting however; it was not indicated in the Minutes. Brown made a motion to approve the June 16, 2015 minutes with the noted correction. Seconded by Grohler. Minutes were accepted.

Public Comment

No Report.

Old Business

Dubble advised the Telecommunicator Negotiations continue to move forward. At this time, a mediator has been called in and the next meeting will be August 10th. Discussion followed.

New Business

Dubble advised the Governor has signed Senate Bill 96. It is believed that the changes in the funding should be seen around March of 2016. This Bill also includes the removal of all call boxes in Illinois beginning January 1, 2016. The 911 Advisory Board will need to be re-appointed or replaced by August 31, 2015. The Advisory Board suggested that when budgets are being completed to use the same figures from the previous year and do not consider the changes with the new law as it is uncertain exactly when these funds will be seen (and exact amounts).

Kevin Hack gave a presentation at the June County Board Policy and Procedure meeting and again at the July County Board Finance meeting regarding a public safety tax. The County Board has tabled this until the telecommunicator union negotiations are settled.

Equipment / Facility Operations / MSAG

Dubble advised IMH is having paging interference issues; when they are on the east side of Watseka they are not receiving their pages. A test was done to check exactly what or where the problem may be. It is possible the new radio station is the problem. July 29 at 10:00 a.m. the station will be shut "off" and test pages will be done to see if this is the issue. If they are, the station will have to rectify the problem.

Grohler asked if the previous issues with tornado sirens had been resolved. Dubble stated that yes, the last time they were tested they all worked. They cannot be set off all at once, but when done separately they work fine. On a separate issue, when dispatch transmits on fireband sometimes the mic is being held open for 3 minutes and dispatch is unaware it is occurring. Cailteux is looking in to this issue.

Stichnoth inquired if the cell phone booster had been installed. Dubble advised that it had but until the tower loses strength and the booster takes over it will not be know exactly how well it is working.

Public Safety

Dubble reviewed the June calls for service & stats.

Lebeck advised that the telecommunicators all did a tremendous job during the floods recently

experienced throughout the County and in Watseka.

Dubble stated Camp 911 is ready to go for 2015 and will focus on Bicycle Safety.

Finance / Personnel / Public Relations

Dubble advised that the health insurance paid for by the Coordinator and Assistant is less than all other non-union employees in the county. The finance department would like these to all be equal and therefore would raise the amount paid by approximately \$35.00 a month. Discussion followed. Grohler made a motion seconded by Brown to raise the health insurance deduction for the Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator to be the same as all other county non-union employees effective with the next pay period. Motion passed.

A new telecommunicator has been hired and is doing well.

The 2016 budget for Joint Dispatch was reviewed and each line item was discussed in detail. Following discussion Stichnoth questioned if there is any requirement that the budget must be put out for public review. Dubble stated that the Joint Dispatch and ETSB budgets are part of the total County budget and then follows the County's guidelines. Stichnoth stated he would like to study it before voting on it. Further discussion. Brown made a motion to approve the 2016 Joint Dispatch budget as presented. Seconded by Grohler. Motion carried with one nay vote by Stichnoth.

The 2016 ETSB budget was reviewed and each line item was discussed in detail. After evaluation, a motion was made by Brown to increase the Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator's salary by \$1,200 each starting with the 2016 budget. Stichnoth noted that any objection he may have is due to uncertainty with the future funds. Seconded by Grohler. Motion passed with Stichnoth voting nay.

A motion was made by Grohler to approve the 2016 911 ETSB budget with discussed changes. Seconded by Loy. Motion carried with one nay vote by Stichnoth.

Dubble requested approval for herself and Drake to attend the IPSTA Conference (Illinois Public Safety Telecommunications Association Conference). Dubble has been requested to host a session on Public Education Without Having to use 9-1-1 Funds. Stichnoth made a motion to approve the IPSTA Conference attendance for Dubble & Drake. Seconded by Loy. Motion passed.

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

Other Business

No Report.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Grohler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Stichnoth. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next ETSB meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on August 25, 2015.