## IROQUOIS COUNTY ETSB MEETING June 16, 2015 at 7:00pm

## **Opening of the Meeting**

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

Roll call for mileage reimbursement: Answering yes were Brown, Grohler, Loy, and Stichnoth. Answering no was Rayman.

## Approval of Minutes

Grohler made a motion to approve the May 26, 2015 minutes as written. Seconded by Loy. Minutes were accepted.

## **Public Comment**

Hasbargen stated that he thought it might be worth considering an alcohol and tobacco tax to assist with dispatching costs. This is an ordinance passed by the County Board. The monies can be marked for specific expenses. Discussion followed.

## Old Business

Dubble advised the Telecommunicator Negotiations continue to move forward. At this time, a mediator has been called in and will most likely take up to two months before another meeting takes place.

## New Business

Dubble advised she continues to attend the 911 Advisory Board meetings in Springfield, where they are meeting to establish proper legislation for 911 Centers throughout the State of Illinois. The Senate and House have both passed the legislation (Senate Bill 96). The Governor has not yet signed this Bill. Recently the cable companies have come forward stating they wish a "seat" on the 911 Advisory Board. Former Board Member Susan Wynn Bence was able to arrange meetings for the Legislative Committee with both the Lieutenant Governor and the Governor's offices. June 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline and sunset date of the present legislation.

Also discussed was the fact that Illinois is the only state that still uses the call boxes during a 911 outage. Dubble believes that July 1<sup>st</sup> the call boxes in Illinois will no longer be utilized.

Dubble gave an update on the Dispatch Advisory Board. The committee has agreed that a Public Safety Tax would be the best route for funding dispatch into the future. Kevin Hack from Riverside EMS will give a presentation at the Policy and Procedure meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup> in an effort to get the County Board's support. This would put the Public Safety Tax on the ballot in March of 2016.

The 911 outage on May 27<sup>th</sup> was discussed. A tiling company accidentally cut this. 911 was out from approximately 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. the following morning.

Dubble advised she is setting up a text alert for employees that work in the Court House & Administrative Center in the event there is an emergency that may require they be notified.

Dubble stated that there have been some issues with tornado sirens. All sirens are functioning however, due to overlapping signals, only three sirens can be set off at once with the exception of Buckley and Loda. Buckley and Load must be set off individually.

Dubble advised of software available to enable reports to be e-mailed rather than faxed. Drake briefly explained the functionality and costs involved. Following discussion Loy made a motion to purchase five user licenses of Black Ice Print2Email at a cost of \$149.99 and one year of maintenance at \$37.49. Seconded by Grohler. Motion passed.

#### Public Safety

Dubble reviewed the May calls for service & stats.

A new telecommunicator has been hired and is doing well.

Dubble explained this year Camp 911 will focus on Bicycle Safety. She will also host a session at the 911 conference regarding Camp 911.

# Finance / Personnel / Public Relations

Dubble advised that the 2016 budget will be looked at during the July meeting. As a reminder, she stated that the budget will also need to be approved by the full County Board.

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

#### Other Business

No Report.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, Loy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Grohler. Meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m. The next ETSB meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on July 28, 2015.