

IROQUOIS COUNTY ETSB MEETING

June 17, 2014

Opening of the Meeting

Chairman Gocken opened the meeting at 6:32pm. Members present were Ryan Brault, Jeff Glenn, Ron Gocken, Vern Grohler, Derek Hagen, Frank Hines, Roger Lebeck, Howard Loy, John Solomon, and Jed Whitlow. Members absent were Jason Brown and Joel Moore. Also present were 911 Coordinator Nita Dubble, County Board Member Susan Wynn Bence, Mitchell Bence, County Board Member Marvin Stichnoth, Richard Corke (arrived at 6:45), and Sandy Drake.

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

Approval of Minutes

Lebeck moved to accept the April 15, 2014 minutes, amending the date on the printed copy to reflect the 15th. Seconded by Grohler. Minutes were accepted.

Grohler moved to accept the minutes from the special ETSB meeting of June 12, 2014 and accept them as written. Hines seconded. Minutes were accepted.

Public Comment

Stichnoth commented he thought it would be prudent to post the agenda for ETSB meetings on the County website. He stated it was not very convenient to drive by the 911 Center everyday to check if there was going to be a meeting. He felt that Amanda would be glad to post it. He felt there may be better attendance at the meetings if it were posted on the website.

No other public comment.

Old Business

No Report.

New Business

Legislation discussion:

- After July 1, 2014 the wireless surcharge amount will increase by approximately ten cents per cell phone. This will not increase the amount paid by the customer, it will reallocate the current monies. It is estimated that the ETSB will gain approximately \$18,000.00 a year.
- The Illinois State Police will now have an administrator over 911 in Illinois. The State is not going to create a statewide 911 dispatching network. They will be working to combine resources to provide all counties the availability to utilize the same NG911 network equipment, similar to LEADs or Starcom 21. The ICC (Illinois Commerce Commission) will continue to regulate 911.
- The ETSB will be required to provide a yearly audit. The County Board Chairman stated the County would pay for the audit. A separate audit is also due at the end of October. Brault questioned if the County's audit would meet the requirements or if it had to be more detailed. Dubble replied that the actual audit "rules" have not been released at this time. This audit will in no fashion reduce the amount of funds collected by each 911 center in the state. The audit is designed to help determine what the actual cost is to run each Center.
- The Wireless Carrier fund, which will no longer exist due to recent legislation, provided an occasional increase in the wireless carrier payment once a year ranging anywhere from \$4,000.00 to 40,000.00. When the Governor swept this fund, it was not available that year so it was not guaranteed income.

ICOM & ETSB:

- Ralph Caldwell, MetCad 911 Coordinator, has formulated a worksheet that determines the amount needed to replenish lost surcharge revenues due to the drop in land line phones. If the surcharge were raised from 0.73 to 1.08 the ETSB would be back to what the 2009 budget was.
- Discussion regarding the letter received by the ETSB from the County Board Chairman stating the County is pulling out of the ICOM Contract.
- Dubble addressed the letter received by all the ICOM billing entities from Chairman Copas which states there will be a reorganization of 911-ETSB and ICOM-Joint Dispatch. Dubble asked if there were any suggestions from the ETSB Board at this time. Discussion followed.
- All of the equipment currently used for dispatching is owned by the ETSB, which totals approximately 1.5 million dollars.
- Discussion followed concerning why the County is trying to proceed to reorganize ICOM and the ETSB without a plan in place.
- Discussion regarding whether or not the County Board was aware of the fact that in years past the ETSB has supplemented approximately \$300,000.00 when the County and City could not pay their third for ICOM.

The following motion was made regarding the letter from the County Board Chairman sent to the ICOM contracted entities dated May 29, 2014 re: suggestions regarding a new plan; Lebeck made a motion to table the discussion until the next ETSB meeting. Seconded by Loy. Motion passed.

Equipment Procurement

Dubble updated the Board regarding the Donovan remote console which was hit by lightening back in April. The Donovan Fire department also had lightening damage to their equipment (the remote console is located at the Donovan Fire Department). Donovan Fire has purchased a new radio that replaced their base radio and is also able to function as the remote console. Donovan Fire purchased the radio and the ETSB will maintain it.

Regarding the Crescent City tower which was also hit by lightening; it has been temporarily patched and is working fine awaiting the final repairs.

Issues regarding County Fire B were discussed. Dubble and Cailteux have corrected the problem.

The “all county” tornado siren button does not set them all off. Each must be done manually. Discussion followed as to which ones did not go off and if it was always the same ones.

The generator repair estimate was presented. The total is \$965.00 which the agreement with the County is that they will pay for half. The generator was also tested to see what the current load was and it is approximately at half capacity. The Public Health Department is purchasing a new generator.

Motion made by Hines to repair the generator per the quote from Metro Power. Seconded by Brault. Motion passed.

Facility Operations

The Crescent Tower circuit (phone line) will be disconnected in the next few days and will be a \$500.00 savings per month.

Discussion held regarding the furnace exhaust.

Fire Service and EMS

No Report.

Law Enforcement

No Report.

MSAG

No Report.

Personnel

No Report.

Public Relations

No Report.

Joint Dispatch

One telecommunicator has left ICOM for a job at Newton County dispatch starting at \$3.00 more per hour. Seven applications have been received and interviews will be given. Dubble has put herself back on the schedule to work dispatch and is not charging any overtime for the hours worked. Brault stated that the ETSB pays Dubble's salary and ICOM will be getting a large benefit from that.

Finance

The Board reviewed the bills submitted. Discussion regarding the Emergitech bill and what portion is paid for by the ETSB and the portion paid for by the Sheriff's Office. After discussion, Lebeck made a motion to approve the bills and accept the finances based on the claims presented. Seconded by Whitlow. Motion passed.

Dubble included a copy of the depreciation list received from the County Finance Director. Dubble will be updating the list, adding new and removing old. This will be helpful when reporting to the ICC.

Other Business

No Report.

Adjournment

Lebeck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Grohler. Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm. The next meeting will be July 8th at 6:30 p.m. (Please note this is one week earlier than usual.)

** Audio of the full meeting is available for review.**