

IROQUOIS COUNTY ETSB MEETING
October 14, 2014

Opening of the Meeting

Chairman Ron Gocken opened the meeting at 6:30pm. Members present were Ryan Brault, Jason Brown, Jeff Glenn, Ron Gocken, Vern Grohler, Derek Hagen, Frank Hines, Roger Lebeck, Howard Loy, and Jed Whitlow. Members absent were Joel Moore and John Solomon. Also present were 911 Coordinator Nita Dubble, Carl Gerdovich WGFA, Carla Waters of the Times Republic, Iroquois County State's Attorney Jim Devine, Richard Corke Cissna Park Police Department, Dave Morgeson Stockland Fire Chief, Iroquois County Board Member Susan Wynn Bence, and Sandy Drake.

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

Approval of Minutes

Grohler moved to accept the September 16, 2014 minutes. Seconded by Brown. Minutes were accepted.

Public Comment

No Report.

Old Business

ICC Report – Dubble explained the report has been turned in to the ICC and there will be some adjustments made. The report can be seen online at the ICC website, along with all other submitting counties. (It was explained a difference between cash and accrual amounts appeared to be an issue with several counties. The amounts used were cash.)

New Business

Jim Devine spoke regarding the County Board voting to reduce the ETS Board members from 12 to six. In order to achieve this, the four ETSB members that have not been reappointed from January 1, 2014 will not be reappointed nor will those positions be filled. On January 1, 2015 there will be four members up for reappointment and of those four, only two will be reappointed. This will leave the remaining ETSB members at six. As there was no overall discharge or termination of board members this is unobjectionable. Discussion concerning the new ordinance followed.

The inability to voice an opinion during the county board meetings (with the exception of the public comments section at the start of the meetings) was mentioned.

Who has the final say in appointing the ETS Board members was discussed. Does the entire County Board vote on this or only the Chairman. It is written in the current ordinance that it is the County Board Chairman's decision.

Glenn advised of unease within fire departments and their trustees regarding the future and the unknown structure of the ETSB and how day to day operations will be taken care of. It was also commented that ICOM will no longer exist and it is currently unknown who will be over the dispatchers.

Dubble pointed out that Cissna Park Fire recently ran an ad in the paper stating that anyone calling 911 will be charged \$200.00. This has nothing to do with the ETSB.

Dubble discussed the County Board committee meetings on Thursday the 9th. The County Board Chairman stated there was a doubling of workman's comp payments. This was an ICOM concern, not ETSB. The Chairman also stated that the equipment insurance was double paid.

If there is indeed double payment, it is only on the equipment at the jail in the basement. The other eight locations are not listed on the insurance policy he is referring to. It would appear that the county never quit paying this (in the jail basement) when the ETSB started. Discussion followed.

Hines commented that there would be no budget constraints if the ETSB had not “covered” for the County and the City in previous years when they both stated they could not pay the full 1/3 for ICOM.

It was again brought up how anyone is able to speak and interact during all ETSB meetings. However; during county board meetings you may only speak during public comment which is at the start of the meeting and is not a discussion. It is not permitted to speak any other time. If the Chairman feels it's okay, you may speak. If he does not you may not. This board feels that nothing can be discussed during these county board meetings.

Use of ETSB the equipment was discussed. The ETSB is yet to be approached by anyone concerning the use of the equipment should the county indeed take over dispatch.

Hines made a motion to change the locks on the dispatch doors and require anyone entering to log in on a register. Having no second, the motion dies.

Equipment Procurement

Dubble discussed the open mic sound on County Fire A. It appears to be a Milford issue. It is possible there is a master III that is getting hung up. Discussion followed on tests that have been done to help resolve what the problem is.

Facility Operations

No Report.

Fire Service and EMS

Glenn stated that this year's MABAS audit went well. Some of the items covered during the four hours were:

- Inventory
- Training
- Review ICOM operations, use of Starcom and IFERN

Glenn stated that Camp 911 went very well this year and remarked that this program greatly helps the kids and community.

Law Enforcement

No Report.

MSAG

No Report.

Personnel

Jason Brown, Vern Grohler, Roger Lebeck, and Howard Loy will be the remaining members of the ETS Board after January 1, 2014.

Public Relations

No Report.

Joint Dispatch

No Report.

Finance

The generator repairs are complete and is functioning at 100%.

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 Brown. Motion passed.

Other Business

Brault expressed concern regarding the fact there is no plan (anyone is aware of) in place for dispatching after December 1st, 2014. Discussion followed. Brault made a motion as follows: Proposal from the ETS Board to the County Board for the ETSB to oversee dispatch with the cooperation of the City of Watseka, Iroquois County, and all other contracted entities. Seconded by Brown. Motion passed.

Adjournment

Loy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Grohler. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next meeting will be November 19th at 6:30 p.m.