

IROQUOIS COUNTY ETSB MEETING

Special Meeting

June 12, 2014

Opening of the Meeting

Chairman Gocken opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Members present were Ryan Brault, Jason Brown, Jeff Glenn, Ron Gocken, Vern Grohler, Derek Hagen, Frank Hines, Roger Lebeck, Joel Moore, and Jed Whitlow. Members absent were Howard Loy, and John Solomon. Also present were 911 Coordinator Nita Dubble, Attorney John Kelly, and Sandy Drake. In addition, members of fire, police, EMS, news media, and the Iroquois County Board were present. Sign-in list filed with minutes.

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

At this point Vice-Chairman Hagen stated the ICOM Board would defer to the ETSB Board to conduct the meeting.

Gocken stated there would be no action taken this evening as this would be an informational meeting.

Public Comment

Richard Corke inquired if there would be an opportunity later in the meeting to ask questions. Gocken replied yes.

No other public comment.

Business

Gocken turned the meeting over to Attorney John Kelly.

Kelly spoke regarding the future of ICOM, items in reference to the legality of both ICOM and the ETSB, legality of ICOM charging for dispatching services, and Public Act 098-0634.

- The legality of the meeting was clarified. As the notice of the meeting was posted at the office of the public body and the location of where the meeting was being held, this is a legal meeting.
- ICOM can legally enter into contracts with emergency agencies for dispatching services. The City, County, and the ETSB all have the power to enter into contracts. The Intergovernmental Cooperation Act states that units of local government can share their governmental powers and place those powers in a single agency; in this case ICOM.
- ICOM was formed in 2002 by agreement between the County, City of Watseka, and the ETSB. The agreement was ratified by all three, and ICOM began legal operation. In 2011 the ICOM contracts were rewritten and the County continued to function as a member of ICOM. The fees were paid, dispatch services were provided, and they participated on the ICOM Board. The County approved of the contracts by doing so.
- A consolidated dispatch center is the most ideal situation.
- The appointment of Attorney Kelly is legal for ICOM. ICOM has the power of any of the entities that make it up. The Emergency Telephone System Act does not in any way limit the power of ICOM to hire an attorney.

Business Continued

- Regarding Attorney Kelly representing the ETSB: The State's Attorney Act provides that the State's Attorney can appoint a Special Assistant State's Attorney for the ETSB. Therefore; with the approval of the Iroquois County State's Attorney, Kelly was asked to represent the ETSB.

Other Business

No Report

Adjournment

Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Grohler . Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

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