

IROQUOIS COUNTY ETSB MEETING

March 21, 2017 7:00pm

Opening of the Meeting

Chairman Ryan Brault opened the meeting at 7:00pm. Members present were Charles Alt, Larry Bauer, Ryan Brault, Jeremy Douglas, Vern Grohler and Marvin Stichnoth. Also present County Board Member Sherry Johnson, County Board Member Kevin Coughenour, County Board Member Larry Hasbargen, County Board Member Kevin Bohlmann, Wendy Davis with the Times Republic, Edgar County WatchDogs Kirk Allen and John Kraft, Assistant Coordinator Sandy Drake. State's Attorney Jim Devine arrived at approx. 7:10.

Roll call for mileage reimbursement:

Aye: Alt, Bauer, Brault, Grohler, Stichnoth.

Nay: Douglas

Approval of Minutes

Grohler made a motion to approve the February 21, 2017 minutes. Seconded by Douglas. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Public Comments - Summarized

Kirk Allen with the Edgar County Watch Dogs – referred to Dillion's Rule and specifically the 911 statute 15.4. One of the powers says you can hire staff but it is silent on entering into a multiyear contract for employment. The Board was never given the power to award an employment contract to personnel. He Quoted State's Attorney Devine (from a taped meeting) in reference to any item not placed on the agenda for a vote is an invalid. He requested any member provide a copy of a resolution that was passed to spend monies on an employment contract. He also spoke regarding the 911 dispatch agreements. He stated these agreements are not legal. He stated that monies were/are received without legal authority. He challenged this public body to present statutory authority to bill any public agency for dispatch of emergencies. As a fire chief he advised he uses an app called Who is Responding and the only cost is for the app. There is no statutory authority to charge for dispatching. The Watch Dogs are also talking to other agencies charging for dispatching.

At 7:10 a motion was made by Bauer and Seconded by Stichnoth to go into executive session to discuss the contract of Nita Dubble under 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1). Motion passed.

Aye: Alt, Bauer, Douglas, Grohler, Stichnoth

Nay: Brault

(Return from executive session 8:00.)

Old Business

No report

New Business

The maximum travel reimbursement policy was discussed. Devine will draft (using the same policy as the county).

Bauer stated he would like to see the ETSB agendas and minutes made available to the public on the Iroquois County website. Short discussion regarding the posting of the agendas was held. Bauer moved to have the minutes and agenda posted on the county website. As this item was not on the current agenda it was tabled until next month when it will be placed on the agenda for action.

Equipment / Facility Operations / MSAG

Brault stated that all the work has been completed in the 911 center on the new dispatch consoles. The new consoles are a big improvement to the center.

Public Safety

Brault reviewed the February 2017 dispatch stats.

Finance / Personnel / Public Relations

The newest telecommunicator recently resigned as she felt she could not perform the job as expected.

The Board reviewed the bills submitted. Question regarding a Plumb Mart bill was answered. The Walmart bill appeared to be \$100.97 overdue. This bill was submitted last month and had not arrived on time to be reflected on the current bill. Grohler made a motion to accept the ETSB & ICOM finances based on the claims presented. Seconded by Stichnoth. Motion passed.

Aye: Alt, Brault, Douglas, Grohler, Stichnoth

Nay: Bauer

Other Business

Discussion regarding special meeting to discuss the contract of Nita Dubble was scheduled for Friday, March 24 at 4:00 p.m. There will be one agenda item: Employment situation/contract with Nita Dubble.

Adjournment

There being no further business Grohler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stichnoth seconded. Meeting adjourned by voice vote at 8:20 p.m. The next regular ETSB meeting will be at 7:00 pm on April 18, 2017.