

**IROQUOIS COUNTY ETSB MEETING**  
**November 20, 2018 7:00 PM**  
**Clifford Bury Administrative Center – County Board Room**  
**1001 East Grant St. Watseka, IL**

**Opening of the Meeting**

Chairman Charles Alt opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Members present were Charles Alt, Jeremy Douglas, Dave Morgeson, Warren Weber, and Joe Young. Paul Ducat was absent. Also present County Board Chairman John Shure, Wendy Davis from the Times Republic, Brett Stillwagon from West Safety Services, and ETS Director Eric Raymond.

Roll Call for mileage reimbursement:

Aye: Alt, Young

Nay: Morgeson, Douglas, Weber

**Approval of Agenda**

Young made a motion to approve the November 20, 2018 agenda. Douglas seconded.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes**

Douglas made a motion to approve the October 16, 2018 minutes adding the word “to” to the statement “Excited be a part of...” Morgeson seconded.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

**Public Comments**

No report.

**Old Business**

**Text Messaging** – Raymond introduced Brett Stillwagon from West Safety Services. Mr. Stillwagon presented information about West Safety Services and their role with Text to 9-1-1 and the costs to the PSAP. After the presentation Raymond stated that this is coming, it has been spoken to heavily while he was at IPSTA. At this time NG9-1-1 has not required a specific vendor to complete the text messaging and has left it open for the PSAPs to select their own vendor. He further stated that over the past year he has at least 3 examples where text to 9-1-1 would be a valuable asset for Iroquois County.

**911 Center seating update** – Raymond stated Concept Seating did bring a new demo chair to the center. The telecommunicators did ask for the Iron Horse 4000 chairs. Raymond reported that he met the vendor while at IPSTA and while speaking with her got some additional changes in price on shipping and materials of the chair itself making it cheaper. Young made a motion “Buy two chairs IH-4000.” Douglas seconded.

Roll call was taken:

Aye: Alt, Douglas, Morgeson, Weber, Young

Nay:

**New repeater for Fire B** – Raymond reported that the new Sheriff Main repeater is functioning well, and is requesting a new repeater to replace Fire B. After a conversation with KC Communications it was discussed that Fire A had been replaced two years ago. So the latest repeater that would need to be replaced would be Fire B. It was also discussed that Sheriff Backup is still inoperable and does need some continued work. After continued discussion about the Sheriff Backup repeater Morgeson made a motion to “Purchase a new repeater to replace Sheriff Backup.” Seconded by Weber

Roll call was taken:

Aye: Alt, Douglas, Morgeson, Weber, Young

Nay:

**New computer(s) update** – Raymond stated that all of the computer parts have been purchased. One computer has been assembled and is currently working at one of the stations. Raymond said there are a few trouble shooting steps that he working with on that computer prior to putting the other 3 computers into the other stations. He commented that there was a suggestion since everything came well under budget if the board would want more to be purchased. It was decided to hold off on that today and utilize those funds for another time.

### **New Business**

**Annual Feedback for ETS Director Growth and development** – Raymond commented that he came from a “different world” and it was traditional that there was an annual review conducted to provide feedback whether room for improvement or positive. Raymond noted that he speaks with most of the board on a regular basis and recognizes and all of them are generally willing to provide feedback on an as needed/immediate basis during conversations. Morgeson asked if there was anything he needed from them. He commented that everyone on the board works amazingly well together. He’s very glad to see that the board is willing to see a problem and work together to solve it, and it had not been the way that it may have been in the past. The board is willing to simple get it done. Raymond was asked about his report with the Fire Chiefs. He said that he has contact with some more than others. All have seemed to be very receptive.

### **Other**

**IPSTA** – Raymond stated that he attended IPSTA in Springfield. There was a wealth of information there, and has a lot of notes to go through and much more information from different vendors. One of the large things that was heavily talked to at IPSTA was PTSD in the Telecommunicator. Identifying the signs and making certain they know that tools and resources are available for their use. Also he spoke about a free service called RapidSOS which is a free service to the 911 center that is a more accurate tools for cellular phone location services. It is not a replacement for the current ANI/ALI service but should be in addition to. He reported that he is anxious for the access to this service so he can test it and roll it out to the telecommunicators.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Equipment / Facility Operations –**

Battery Backups – Raymond reported that a battery backup was replaced due to a transformer blow in town of Watseka. The battery went out which impacted the ANI/ALI system in the 911 center. It has been replaced with a new battery backup.

### **Public Safety –**

October 2018 Stats – Fire was up from last month. It may have been due to windy days and harvest related incidents. Raymond continued stating that the telecommunicators continue to do a fabulous job for our county and he can't say it enough.

### **Personnel –**

### **Public Relations –**

### **Finance –**

Grant updates – Raymond reported that there is a plan to be a grant rolled out in late December. The challenge is the first communities being offered the grant is communities with a population greater than 500,000. However, last year she did roll out funds to smaller areas. Raymond plans to have his grant application in as soon as possible.

Claims – Weber made a motion to approve the claims. Douglas seconded.

Roll Call for motion:

Aye: Alt, Douglas, Morgeson, Weber, Young

Nay:

### **Adjournment**

Being as there was no further business to discuss amongst the board Young made a motion to adjourn. Morgeson seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote.