

ST CLAIR COUNTY 9-1-1 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD

Minutes of the August 11, 2015 Meeting

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Sheriff Richard Watson, Chairman
Fire Chief Donald R. Feher
Former Mayor George Chance
Mr. Michael Sullivan
Mr. Kevin Elbe

Absent:

Ms. Carol Clark
Officer Michael D. Floore, Sr.

Staff:

Herbert Simmons, 911 Director
Kevin Kaufhold, 911 ETSB Attorney
Mary Muskopf, 911 ETSB Secretary

Others In Attendance:

Bryan Whitaker
Edwin Cockrell
Daryl Ostendorf, O'Fallon PSAP
Chief Eric VanHook, O'Fallon, Illinois
Mick Hunter, O'Fallon PD

Sheriff Richard Watson called the meeting of the ETSB to order at 9:00a.m. on August 11, 2015 in the 9-1-1 ETSB Director's Office, 101 South 1st Street, Belleville, IL.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

Daryl Ostendorf asked if there were any PSAP decisions made or if a waiver has been filed. Attorney Kaufhold stated the matter would be discussed later.

Ed Cockrell asked for an update on the Next Generation project and Director Simmons stated this would also be addressed later in the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – Sheriff Richard Watson asked for approval of the minutes for the July 14, 2015 meeting. A motion was made by George Chance and seconded by Michael Sullivan to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Report – Attorney Kevin Kaufhold stated a Coordinator had not yet been chosen; however, the appointment would probably be made by the Governor effective January 1st. He also received a memo stating our audit is due by October 1st.

Attorney Kaufhold also stated Director Simmons has talked to nearly all of the PSAPs and several mayors for their input concerning finances and will be drafting a memo by the end of the month to address questions for the PSAPs. He added that another issue to be considered is the economic impact on the surviving PSAPs.

After the memo has been reviewed by the Director and the Board it will be sent to all of the PSAPs and the entire first responder community by the end of August or September 1st for their input. The consolidation plan needs to be submitted by June of 2016 to the Advisory Board who will make another recommendation to the Coordinator who will then make the final determination. The consolidation grant must be in by January of 2016 but the actual grant proposal and waiver is due in June of 2016.

There was also a discussion concerning formal presentations made by the PSAPs in September and October to support their facility's operations. Ed Cockrell stated he felt some of the PSAPs may not wish to remain PSAPs. Chief VanHook also stated from informal communication with PSAPs there could possibly be fewer than four PSAPs remaining who may not be financially able to continue. He also reported St. Clair County had 199,233 9-1-1 calls in 2013 compared to Madison County's 130,000 calls. After dropping down from 16 to 8 PSAPs he estimated Madison County will only handle 16,000 calls compared to 49,000 calls in St. Clair County after they drop down to 4 PSAPs. Additional discussion ensued concerning the extra workload as well as the financial aspects. Attorney Kaufhold recommended a joint meeting be held once the data from the PSAPs has been received.

Director Simmons stated he received an email that as of August 17th our wireless surcharge money stops.

Director's Report:

Items for Information:

AT&T Project Update: Director Herbert Simmons reported Next Generation was cut over on June 2nd. He is still working with AT&T to resolve four outstanding issues that are currently being repaired or investigated by AT&T staff. A complaint has been filed with the ICC and the Homeland Security Department concerning 911 drop calls and missed calls. He also stated the 2.4 million dollars will not be paid for the upgrade until the system is working.

Repair of Plotter Update:Director Simmons stated the map plotter used to print maps was repaired at a final cost of \$505 which exceeded the original cost of \$400 due to an extra part that was needed. The downstairs plotter has also been programmed to be a back-up system.

Roof / HVAC Project Update:Director Simmons stated the roof and HVAC projects have been completed and inspected by county staff. The final invoices have been forwarded for payment from the Bond.

Motorola Negotiations:Director Simmons reported on a meeting with Motorola at which time a proposal was submitted which brought the original quote of twenty-four million dollars down to below nine million dollars. He is currently waiting for additional clarification on some of the items as well as pricing revisions. This quote includes the infrastructure as well as the yearly maintenance cost. Daryl Ostendorf asked if there was any pricing yet on the counsels and Director Simmons stated the original cost of the O'Fallon counsels went from \$325,000 down to \$230,000. It was also noted that there will be a county wide shared logger included in the Motorola bid which is a \$116,000 value and will eliminate the NICE recorder. Counsel upgrades will not occur before October or November of 2016. There was also a discussion concerning the E. F. Johnson radios that will be tested.

PSAP Consolidation Update:In addition to previous discussion regarding PSAP consolidation, Director Simmons stated that unless a budget is approved by August 17th, the ETSB will lose approximately \$125,000 per month in wireless surcharge funds. He and Bryan Whitaker have done an in-house budget analysis which was given to Sheriff Watson and presented to a couple of the Board members. The analysis will also be presented to the remaining Board members on an individual basis to give them the status on our budget by the end of the year.

Millstadt Tower Update:Director Simmons reported the concrete foundation for the tower was poured on July 28th and the tower will be erected within twenty-eight days from the pour. He also stated Motorola will be paying for damages that had been done to a sidewalk and parking space during the concrete work.

ETSB Server Project update:Director Simmons stated the ETSB server was ordered and should be delivered by this week or next.

Items for Action:There were no actions items.

Donald Feher commented on Director Simmons' and Bryan Whitaker's efforts to significantly reduce the original cost figure for the microwave system as well as their ability to meet unrealistic timelines. The system is now running smoothly, glitches have been resolved and a person has been trained to eventually maintain the system. Also mentioned were the ongoing Motorola negotiations.

Sheriff Watson commented that he receives the emails going back and forth on all these reported issues and he is impressed as to how Director Simmons and his Staff is handling them.

Director Simmons stated the Executive Session was no longer needed.

Audit Trail, Surcharge Report and Fund Summary -

A motion was made by George Chance and seconded by Donald Feher to approve the July 2015 Audit Trail, Surcharge Report and June 2015 Fund Summary. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Sheriff Watson asked about the amount of money the microwave was going to save the ETSB over the T1 lines. Director Simmons stated a cost analysis is currently being done and they are also getting ready to disconnect 106 T1 circuits and 46 9-1-1 trunks with AT&T. He is hoping to report on the cost savings by next month.

Director Simmons also reported that ETSB employee, Bruce Hauck, has successfully completed his microwave training.

New Business:

Executive Session: Cancelled

Other Issues:

Adjournment -At 9:54a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Donald Feher and seconded by Kevin Elbe. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Muskopf

NEXT MEETING

**September 8, 2015
9:00 a.m
101 S. 1st Street
Belleville, IL 62220**