

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

Minutes of the November 23, 2015 Special Meeting

In Attendance:

Board Members:

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

Absent:

Ms. Carol Clark

Staff:

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

Others In Attendance:

Bryan Whitaker, St. Clair County EMA
Mr. Randy Bolle

Sheriff Richard Watson called the meeting of the ETSB to order at 9:01a.m. on November 23, 2015 in the 9-1-1 ETSB Director's Office, 101 South 1st Street, Belleville, IL.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Richard Watson- present
Donald Feher- present
George Chance- present
Michael Sullivan- present
Carol Clark - absent
Michael Floore- present
Kevin Elbe- present

Items for Action:

Upgrade of E9-1-1 System and Payment Options: Director Herbert Simmons stated two changes were made on a final draft from Motorola. The Mid-America Airport equipment portion of the contract will be taken out. Also, the two-year deferred payment was worded incorrectly. Original negotiations began in October of 2014. The original quote started at \$29 million dollars and has been negotiated down to \$5.2 million dollars. One of the hi-lights at the end of the ten-year contract includes a state-of-the-art radio system that will require no costly upgrades which drastically reduces the original quote. Motorola will also be doing upgrades every two years over the course of the contract.

The consoles will be replaced next year with agencies purchasing their own portion of the consoles before connectivity will be installed. The agencies receiving those consoles are Cencom, Belleville PD (3 consoles), Cahokia PD (2 consoles), Fairview Heights PD (2 consoles) and O'Fallon P.D. (3 consoles). Out of the \$5.2 million dollar quote \$1.18 million dollars will be funded by these agencies for their consoles and connectivity which will further reduce St. Clair County's responsibility. Pricing negotiations were made on behalf of the entire County. Prices for connectivity will vary depending on the amount of work to be done.

Also covered were the preventative generator maintenance costs which will be absorbed by Motorola saving the ETSB approximately \$40,000 per year. It was noted that the ETSB will still be responsible for grass cutting and rodent spraying at the tower sites.

Director Simmons stated the purchase of 459 new radios was also negotiated for County employees and County vehicles that currently have portable or mobile radios. These radios which normally cost \$2.4 million dollars will be purchased for \$1.2 million dollars as part of the contract. The old radios that are in good working order could be sold to other agencies to help reduce costs. Also provided was the cost of purchasing GPS for the sheriff's vehicles. There will be no payments due until 2018 with zero percent interest for the year one through four which will be a savings of more than \$450,000. Also negotiated are two years of locked in pricing and a three-year warranty which includes other County agencies as well.

It was noted that the original clause that guaranteed the purchase of 613 radios over a two-year period was removed.

The Motorola contract was on the agenda for the Finance Committee Meeting that evening per Dr. Debra Moore, the Director of Administration. It was also noted that \$611,000 was the final payment to Motorola on the 10-year contract. The first payment on the new contract will be \$494,000 which will not be due until 2018. In a conversation with Dr. Moore, Director Simmons suggested using money from the Bond to purchase the consoles up front as well as connectivity in order to reduce costs. Dr. Moore was in

agreement since this was included in the original Bond money expenditures. Once the consoles are ordered the bills will be sent to the agencies for payment.

Board member Donald Feher commented on the excellent job that was done by Director Simmons and Bryan Whitaker during their negotiations to secure a solid radio system for the next ten years.

A motion to approve the 2016 – 2026 Motorola contract was made by Michael Floore and seconded by Michael Sullivan.

Roll Call Vote:

Richard Watson- yes

Donald Feher- yes

George Chance- yes

Michael Sullivan- yes

Carol Clark – absent

Michael Floore- yes

Kevin Elbe- yes

Adjournment: At 9:20 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by George Chance and seconded by Donald Feher.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Muskopf