

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

Minutes of the July 12, 2016 Meeting

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Sheriff Richard Watson, Chairman
Fire Chief Donald R. Feher
Mr. Michael Sullivan
Mr. Kevin Elbe
Chief Steven Brown

Absent:

Former Mayor George Chance
Ms. Carol Clark

Staff:

Herbert Simmons, 911 Executive Director
Kevin Kaufhold, 911 ETSB Attorney
Randy Randolph, ETSB Training Coordinator
Mary Muskopf, 911 ETSB Secretary

Others In Attendance:

Bryan Whitaker, St. Clair County EMA
Daryl Ostendorf, O'Fallon PD
Mark Berry, O'Fallon PD

Sheriff Richard Watson called the meeting of the ETSB to order at 9:00a.m. on July 12, 2016 in the 911 ETSB Director's Office, 101 South 1st Street, Belleville, IL.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of New Board Member: Sheriff Watson introduced Chief Steven Brown from Centreville PD who is our newly appointed ETSB board member.

Public Comments-

Approval of Minutes –Sheriff Watson asked for approval of the minutes for the June 14, 2016meeting. A motion was made by Donald Feherand seconded by Kevin Elbe to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Report – Attorney Kevin Kaufhold stated the funding bill for \$142 million dollars was approved for disbursement to the system statewide which should cover the entire fiscal year. However, he will be keeping the lawsuit on file for another year.

In answer to Sheriff Watson’s question regarding the Verizon lawsuit, attorney Kaufhold stated he will proceed with the lawsuit after he has received approval fromthe county board.

Director’s Report:

Items for Information:

AT&T Project Update:Director Herbert Simmonsstated he is still waiting for a revised proposal from AT&T on the unused equipment. To date no money has been paid to AT&T for the Next Generation project.

Motorola Equipment Update:Director Simmons reported Motorola has been working to install the equipment in CENCOM and O’Fallonand configure the network county wide. Staff has been attending meetings involving equipment installation and projects for other PSAPs throughout the county. He also reported on a 2 hour power outage of the radio system on July 5, 2016 in which both the system and backup were not functioning properly. He is still waiting on a final Root Cause Analysis from Motorola.

PSAP Consolidation Update:Director Simmons reported on a recent meeting with the City Manager and Police Chief of East St. Louis concerning the future of their PSAP. Staff continues to work with East St. Louis to determine what upgrades are needed at their PSAP to accommodate additional agencies.

Washington Park Dispatching Update:Director Simmons stated he has received the first \$5,000 monthly payment from Washington Park for their past due expenses.

New Vendor on Caseyville Tower Site:Director Simmons reported the required paperwork has been received for Covenant Communications to lease space on the Caseyville water tower. We have a signed contract, insurance certificate and the first month’s rent. Upon completion of the equipment installation, Covenant will be making annual payments of \$11,448. However, they recently stated they will also need to attach a dish to our building or erect a pole in order to accommodate a wireless carrier which will in turn increase the current contract amount.

New Contract Terms on Caseyville Tower Site - Warner Communications: Director Simmons stated an updated contract with Warner Communications has been negotiated which will increase their monthly tower rent from \$650 to \$1,000 for the next five years. The first payment of their new contract has been received.

Items for Action: None

Board member Michael Sullivan asked for a status on Cahokia and Centreville. Director Simmons stated a meeting with the Cahokia and Centreville mayors had been scheduled for that afternoon. Also, in a meeting with Motorola at Cahokia last week Cahokia expressed interest in getting out of their contract for their gold elite updates and obtain a contract on their own. They currently owe Motorola \$228,000 for the equipment; however, the price would increase to just under \$300,000 if they chose to negotiate with Motorola on their own.

Audit Trail, Surcharge Report and Fund Summary -

A motion was made by Michael Sullivan and seconded by Kevin Elbetto approve the June 2016 Audit Trail, Surcharge Report and May 2016 Fund Summary. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Sheriff Watson asked for a status on the payment responsibility for the Optiman connectivity charges that were approximately \$11,000 per month. Director Simmons stated they have met with the new director and her attorney in Springfield and are waiting for her response.

There was also a discussion concerning network costs and a waiver request that had been filed by Madison County through next year. Director Simmons stated he also called the Illinois State Police concerning their waiver and the consequences this could have on our current consolidation decisions.

Director Simmons also referred to a copy of the monthly call stats that were provided for each PSAP.

There was also a discussion concerning the amount of money that O'Fallon has already spent on the consolidation as well as the potential cost to increase their staffing.

New Business:

Executive Session:

Adjournment -Sheriff Watson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. At 9:24 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Donald Feherand seconded by Kevin Elbe. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Muskopf

NEXT MEETING

**August 9, 2016
9:00 a.m.
101 S. 1st Street
Belleville, IL 62220**