

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

Minutes of the May 12, 2021 Meeting

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Sheriff Richard Watson, Chairman
Former Mayor George Chance
Mr. Kevin Elbe
Mr. Randy Bolle
Chief Kendall Perry

Absent:

Former Fire Chief Donald Feher, Vice Chairman
Mr. Ken Easterley

Staff:

Herbert Simmons, ETSB Executive Director
Kevin Kaufhold, ETSB Attorney
Bryan Whitaker, EMA Assistant Director
Randy Randolph, 9-1-1 Operations Manager
Teresa Klucker, 9-1-1 ETSB Secretary

Others In Attendance:

Daryl Ostendorf, MECOMM Supervisor

Sheriff Watson called the meeting of the ETSB to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 12, 2021 via conference call.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Richard Watson- present
Don Feher- absent
George Chance- present
Kevin Elbe- present
Ken Easterley- absent
Randy Bolle- present
Kendall Perry- present

Director Simmons mentioned Don Feher and Ken Easterley would not be able to attend today's meeting.

Public Comments:

Approval of Minutes: Sheriff Watson asked for approval of the minutes for the April 20, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Kevin Elbe and seconded by Randy Bolle to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Richard Watson – yes
Donald Feher – absent
George Chance – yes

Kevin Elbe – yes
Ken Easterley – absent
Randy Bolle – yes
Kendall Perry – yes

Attorney Report: Attorney Kevin Kaufhold stated that he is currently monitoring litigation matters concerning the ETSB. No action needs to be taken by the ETSB Board at this time.

Director's Report:

Items For Information:

Monthly Call Statistics: Director Simmons referred to the call statistics for the ETSB Board to review.

PSAP Consolidation Update: Director Simmons informed the ETSB Board that the House Bill, which contained the agreed upon language for the Emergency Telephone Systems Act update, was not called by the House. It was inadvertently returned to the Rules Committee. At this month's meeting of the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board, State Representative Kathleen Willis stated that the error was being corrected and the Bill should be called before the House next week and then moved to the Senate. The Trailer Bill remains outstanding as any other agreed upon changes are finalized. The Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board Meeting for May was recessed until the changes are finalized, then a second meeting will be scheduled.

Statewide NG 9-1-1 Project: Director Simmons informed the ETSB Board that the State of Illinois announced the intent to award the Statewide Next Generation 9-1-1 Contract to AT&T. The initial contract cost is \$109 million and will be funded by the State through the 9-1-1 surcharge. This project is expected to kick off in the 4th quarter of 2021 with no published completion date set at this time. St. Clair County currently has a NG 9-1-1 capable hosted 9-1-1 solution which will be able to connect to the statewide network allowing for greater connectivity and redundancy throughout the state and in disparate regions. This will develop seamless communications, transfers, and data exchange between all PSAPs in the state. The biggest improvement St. Clair County residents and visitors will experience is the addition of text-to-911 which will allow communications with a 9-1-1 Telecommunicator via text message.

Items for Action:

GeoComm Contract Renewal: Director Simmons requested the ETSB Board's approval in renewing our contract with GeoComm for the 9-1-1 mapping component and software at all PSAPs. Through negotiation, ETSB staff was able to secure a 5 year contract representing \$54,340.00 in savings over the life of the contract versus continuing a year to year contract. The 5 year contract, totaling \$220,830.00, will be paid annually per the pricing agreement. Sheriff Watson asked for a motion to approve the renewal of the GeoComm contract for 5 years for a total cost of \$220,830.00. A motion was made by George Chance and seconded by Kevin Elbe. The motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Richard Watson – yes
Donald Feher – absent
George Chance – yes
Kevin Elbe – yes
Ken Easterley – absent

Randy Bolle – yes
Kendall Perry – yes

Financial Summaries: Sheriff Watson asked for a motion to approve the financial reports. A motion was made by Randy Bolle and seconded by Kendall Perry to approve the April 2021 Audit Trail and Surcharge Report and the March 2021 Fund Summary. The motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Richard Watson – yes
Donald Feher – absent
George Chance – yes
Kevin Elbe – yes
Ken Easterley – absent
Randy Bolle – yes
Kendall Perry – yes

Old Business:

New Business: Director Simmons updated the ETSB Board on the mass vaccination site at the Belle-Clair Fairgrounds and Governor Pritzker’s orders for moving into the next phase.

Director Simmons asked for everyone to keep Vice Chairman Don Feher in their thoughts and prayers as he is experiencing health issues.

Executive Session:

Public Comments:

Adjournment: Sheriff Watson asked for a motion to adjourn. At 9:09 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Randy Bolle and seconded by Kevin Elbe. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Klucker

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY JUNE 8, 2021