

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

Minutes of the February 13, 2024 Meeting

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Sheriff Richard Watson, Chairman
Mr. Kevin Elbe, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Ken Easterley
Mr. Randy Bolle
Mayor Chad Easton

Absent:

Chief Kendall Perry
Mayor G.W. Scott, Sr.

Staff:

Herbert Simmons, ETSB Executive Director
David Schneidewind, ETSB Attorney
Randy Randolph, ETSB Operations Manager
Teresa Klucker, 9-1-1 ETSB Secretary

Others In Attendance:

Ed Cockrell, St. Clair County Board Member

Sheriff Watson called the meeting of the ETSB Board to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 13, 2024 in the ETSB Administrative Office, 101 South 1st Street Belleville, IL 62220.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Richard Watson- present
Kevin Elbe- present
Ken Easterley- present
Randy Bolle- present
Kendall Perry- absent
Chad Easton- present
G.W. Scott, Sr.- absent

Public Comments:

Approval of Minutes: Sheriff Watson asked for approval of the minutes for the January 9, 2024 meeting. A motion was made by Chad Easton and seconded by Ken Easterley to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Report: Attorney Dave Schneidewind informed the ETSB Board that he is working through current FOIA requests; then he and Director Simmons provided an update on the ongoing Madison County litigation. No action needs to be taken by the ETSB Board at this time.

Director's Report:

Items For Information:

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

Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board: Director Simmons informed the ETSB Board that staff attended the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board Meeting on February 5, 2024. Discussion of the administrative rules was not included as an agenda item; the Chairman elected to attempt to pass them under old business. After objection from members of the Board, it was decided that discussion and/or approval of the administrative rules would be delayed until the next meeting where they will be listed as a discussion topic.

Additionally, ETSB staff pointed out discrepancies in the Statewide 9-1-1 report to the FCC that did not accurately reflect the funding levels and expenses in Illinois. The Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator indicated that she would review the concerns and amend their filing to the FCC.

Prime Site Radio Relocation: Director Simmons informed the ETSB Board that the new connectivity to support the Prime Site Radio Relocation is up and running. Bi-State and Motorola are conducting the necessary tests on that network to confirm it is stable and ready to carry radio traffic. Once tests are completed, a cut-over plan will be provided by Motorola to schedule the movement of equipment.

Items For Action:

Emerson Park Facility Lease Agreement: Director Simmons informed the ETSB Board that a lease agreement is necessary before the occupancy of the Emerson Park Public Safety Facility. ETSB Attorney Dave Schneidewind and Director Simmons are still finalizing the Emerson Park Public Safety Facility lease agreement with the St. Clair County Transit District.

Sheriff Watson asked for a motion to table the vote on the request to approve the Emerson Park Public Safety Facility lease agreement until a later meeting.

A motion was made by Randy Bolle and seconded by Chad Easton. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Simmons and Sheriff Watson discussed the Sheriff's Department's involvement in the new Emerson Park facility.

Server Room Air Conditioner-Emergency Purchase: Director Simmons asked for the ETSB Board's confirmation on the emergency purchase of a new air conditioning unit for the ETSB server room to replace the 15 year old unit in the amount of \$56,970.00 from Beloman.

Sheriff Watson asked for a motion to approve the emergency purchase of the Beloman air conditioning unit in the amount of \$56,970.00.

A motion was made by Randy Bolle and seconded by Ken Easterley. The motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Richard Watson- yes

Kevin Elbe- yes

Ken Easterley- yes

Randy Bolle- yes

Kendall Perry- absent

Chad Easton- yes

G.W. Scott, Sr.- absent

Financial Summaries: Sheriff Watson asked for a motion to approve the financial reports. A motion was made by Chad Easton and seconded by Kevin Elbe to approve the January 2024 Audit Trail and Surcharge Report and the December 2023 Fund Summary. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

New Business:

Executive Session:

Adjournment: Sheriff Watson asked for a motion to adjourn. At 9:13 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Randy Bolle and seconded by Ken Easterley. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Klucker

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024