

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

Minutes of the October 8, 2024 Meeting

In Attendance:

Board Members:

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

Absent:

Mayor G.W. Scott, Sr.

Staff:

Herbert Simmons, ETSB Executive Director
David Schneidewind, ETSB Attorney
Bryan Whitaker, ETSB Assistant Director
Teresa Klucker, 9-1-1 ETSB Assistant

Others In Attendance:

Erik Mensen, MECOMM Supervisor

Sheriff Watson called the meeting of the ETSB Board to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 8, 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- present
Chad Easton- present
G.W. Scott, Sr.- absent

Sheriff Watson informed the ETSB Board that G.W. Scott is excused from today's meeting due to illness.

Public Comments:

Approval of Minutes: Sheriff Watson asked for approval of the minutes for the September 10, 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 has been working through numerous FOIA requests this month. He is also handling a litigation issue with AT&T concerning a past due amount on a closed account that St. Clair County ETSB was not responsible for paying. 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 during the monthly Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board meeting, the decision was made to table discussion on the proposed rule changes until the October meeting.

There was also substantial discussion regarding Administrator Cindy Barbera-Brelle wanting to increase the amount of funds available for consolidation grants. This would negatively impact the monthly surcharge checks received by the ETSBs. After much opposition was voiced, a vote to decline the increase passed.

Director Simmons informed the ETSB Board that the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board Administrator, Cindy Barbera-Brelle has announced her retirement.

Director Simmons mentioned a letter of commendation from Sheriff Watson recognizing CENCOM telecommunicators Roberta Seitz, Toni Fritz, and Tina Otten for their work in handling an incident on October 3, 2024.

Director Simmons led a discussion regarding a new telecommunicator training program that will be implemented by the ETSB staff. The specifics are still being discussed, and it will be presented to the ETSB Board soon.

Items For Action:

Beloman Contract Renewal: Director Simmons requested the ETSB Board's approval in renewing the Beloman Heating & Cooling contract in the amount of \$5,198.00 per year. A motion was made by Chad Easton 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- yes

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 September 2024 Audit Trail and Surcharge Report and the August 2024 Fund Summary. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

New Business:

Executive Session:

Adjournment: Sheriff Watson asked for a motion to adjourn. At 9:07 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Randy Bolle and seconded by Kendall Perry. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Klucker

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024