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

Minutes of the April 8, 2025 Meeting

In Attendance:

Board Members:
Sheriff Richard Watson, Chairman
Mr. Ken Easterley
Mr. Randy Bolle
Chief Kendall Perry
Mr. Chad Easton

Absent:
Mr. Kevin Elbe, Vice-Chairman
Mayor G.W. Scott, Sr.

Staff:
Herbert Simmons, ETSB Executive Director
Emily O'Connor, ETSB Attorney
Teresa Klucker, 9-1-1 ETSB Assistant

Others In Attendance:
Erik Mensen, MECOMM Supervisor

Sheriff Watson called the meeting of the Emergency Telephone System Board to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 8, 2025 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- absent
Ken Easterley- present
Randy Bolle-present
Kendall Perry- present-arrived late
Chad Easton- present
G.W. Scott, Sr.- absent

Public Comments:

Approval of Minutes: Sheriff Watson asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the March 11, 2025 meeting. A motion was made by Ken Easterley and seconded by Chad Easton. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Report: Associate Attorney Emily O'Connor stated that her office has worked on numerous FOIA requests and a subpoena this month. No action needs to be taken by the Board at this time.

Director's Report:
Items For Information:
Monthly Call Statistics: Director Herb Simmons referred to the call statistics for review.

Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board: Director Simmons informed the ETSB that during the most recent meeting, there was extensive discussion regarding the 9-1-1 Act rewrite along with the proposed Administrative Rules.
ETSB Staff remains closely involved with Illinois APCO to argue for appropriate legislation, including a 9-1-1 surcharge increase to support rising costs.

Radio Prime Site Relocation Update: Director Simmons informed the Board that the March 25, 2025 cutover of the new Prime Site was successful. The prime equipment is now housed in the ETSB basement with enhanced backup power, greater redundancy, and quicker response time to issues.

Items For Action: None

Consideration of Resolution 25-04 Regarding Approval of Financial Reports: Sheriff Watson asked for a motion to approve Resolution 25-04, regarding approval of financial reports. A motion was made by Chad Easton and seconded by Randy Bolle to approve Resolution 25-04 which includes the March 2025 Audit Trail and Surcharge Report and the February 2025 Fund Summary. The motion passed unanimously.
Roll Call Vote:
Richard Watson- yes
Kevin Elbe- absent
Ken Easterley- yes
Randy Bolle- yes
Kendall Perry- yes
Chad Easton- yes
G.W. Scott, Sr.- absent

Old Business:

New Business:

Executive Session:

Adjournment: Sheriff Watson asked for a motion to adjourn. At 9:02 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: WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025