

**IROQUOIS COUNTY ETSB MEETING**  
**March 25, 2014**

**Opening of the Meeting**

Chairman Gocken opened the meeting at 6:30pm. Members present were Ryan Brault, Jason Brown, Jeff Glenn, Ron Gocken, Vern Grohler, Frank Hines, Roger Lebeck, Howard Loy, and Jed Whitlow. Members absent were Derek Hagen, Joel Moore, and John Solomon. Also present were 911 Coordinator Nita Dubble and Sandy Drake. ESDA Director Carl Gerdovich arrived at 6:55pm.

Roll call for mileage reimbursement: Answering yes were Brault, Brown, Grohler, Hines, Lebeck, Loy, and Whitlow. Answering no were Glenn and Gocken.

**Approval of the February 18, 2014 Minutes**

Grohler moved to waive the reading of the February 18, 2014 minutes and accept them as written. Brown seconded. Minutes were accepted.

**Public Comment**

No Report.

**Old Business**

No Report.

**New Business**

Dubble advised that 911 Goes to Springfield will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dubble and Drake will attend. Dubble informed the Board that the 911 Advisory Board (created to determine exactly what is necessary to keep each Center up and running into the future) had sent a survey to all 911 Centers in Illinois. This was completed by Dubble and returned to the Advisory Board by the deadline. Legislation (regarding 911) is currently at a standstill waiting on the results from this survey.

Dubble stated that County Board Chairman Rod Copas, State's Attorney Jim Devine, Watseka Mayor Robert Harwood, and Attorney Frank Simutis met on March 14<sup>th</sup> regarding ICOM and the ETSB. Discussion followed. Discussion held regarding the March 21<sup>st</sup> ICOM Board meeting. Dubble mentioned the possibility of the ETSB continuing to pay funds to ICOM. Discussion followed.

Glenn stated that he felt someone needs to contact the County Board and express to them that the ETSB Board wants to work with them. Discussion followed regarding funding; past and present, including how the ETSB has picked up the "slack" when the County and City could not afford to pay the agreed upon amount. How/why ICOM started charging the individual entities for dispatching services was discussed. Loy questioned how the County Board is made aware of what occurs at the ETSB meetings. Dubble explained how Whitlow is the County Board member who reports back to them in addition to Dubble attending many of the committee meetings throughout the month. It was determined that a committee needs to be created to attend a full County Board meeting, so all County Board members will be advised of the same information and are equally made aware of the situation. All agreed this committee will be discussed and decided upon at the next ETSB meeting.

**Equipment Procurement**

The new frequency switch over was discussed, County Wide A (talk) and County Wide B (page and backup). Brault questioned how Dubble's testing went. Dubble played several examples of test traffic throughout the county. The overall impression was that it went very well. An implementation date for Cailteux to update all radios will be decided upon at the Eastern Illinois Mutual Fire Association meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Dubble advised the server switch over is nearly complete. All went well. There are a few minor issues that are still being worked on.

In the basement at the Jail the UPS batteries for backup completely failed. Dubble obtained several prices and then purchased the batteries. (Approximately \$1,000.00)

The power supply units at the remote stations need to be checked to make sure they still work. Milford's went down last weekend.

Antenna issue at the Center was discussed. Feedback on Watseka PD –vs- Sheriff's frequency. After discussion with Cailteux, Dubble swapped antennas and corrected the issue for now. There is one coax and antenna that still need to be replaced to completely correct the problem.

### **Facility Operations**

No Report.

### **Fire Service and EMS**

No Report.

### **Law Enforcement**

No Report.

### **MSAG**

No Report.

### **Personnel**

Dubble advised that the Statements of Economic Interest need to be returned by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

An employee contract between Dubble and the ETSB Board was discussed at length. Loy made a motion to accept the employment agreement for Nita Dubble with the additions and corrections on the agreed initialed copy signed by the ETSB and Dubble.

### **Public Relations**

No Report.

### **Joint Dispatch**

No Report.

### **Finance**

The Board reviewed the bills submitted. Lebeck made a motion to approve the bills and accept the finances based on the claims presented. Seconded by Brown. Motion passed.

### **Other Business**

No Report

### **Adjournment**

Brault made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Grohler . Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm. The next meeting will be April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.