

**IROQUOIS COUNTY ETSB MEETING**

**March 3, 2021 – 5:00 P.M.**

**Virtual Meeting - Clifford Bury Administrative Center – County Board Room  
1001 East Grant, Watseka, IL**

MEMBERS: Chairman Charles Alt, Vice-Chairman Dave Morgeson, Greg Conrad, Jeremy Douglas, Warren Weber, and Joe Young

1) Opening of the meeting

Chairman Alt opened the meeting at 5:00 PM. Members present were Greg Conrad, Dave Morgeson, and Warren Weber. Absent Jeremy Douglas and Joe Young. Also present was John Plavsic with Motorola Solutions and ETS Director Eric Raymond.

Roll Call for Mileage:

Aye: Alt,

Nay: Morgeson, Conrad-Virtual, Weber-Virtual

2) Approval of the March 3, 2021 agenda

Motion made by Morgeson. Seconded by Alt.

Motion carried by a roll call vote

Aye: Alt, Conrad, Morgeson, Weber

3) Approval of the February 3, 2021 minutes.

Motion made by Morgeson. Seconded by Conrad.

Motion carried by a roll call vote

Aye: Alt, Conrad, Morgeson, Weber

Nay:

4) Public Comment

a) No comment

5) Approve RFP Submissions

a) Raymond reported at the last Iroquois County Finance committee meeting it was preferred that as the system today is not currently in need of immediate replacement to discuss this project for the fy2022 budget year.

Conrad made a motion to select no vendor and review in FY2022 budget year.

Motion carried by a roll call vote

Aye: Alt, Conrad, Morgeson, Weber

Nay:

6) ETS Director's report

a) Updates to CAD and maps

- Raymond reported he attempted to work in Central Square to see if the current CAD software has the ability to update the correct report numbers based on the department that should be responding. This also included updating with the present maps and review to ensure the correct lines were still in the system as well as some needed updates for the map for easier reading. It was discussed with Central Square that they do not have the ability to do this on the back end of the system and it would be an entirely manual process for those who have administrative rights. It was discussed to hold off on this project in light of the present RFP for the CAD software.

b) ETS Director living outside of the county.

- Raymond reported that the Iroquois County Board did discuss the topic at the meeting. It ultimately ended with the Iroquois County Board strongly suggesting any employee to consider living within the county.

c) 9-1-1 State Advisory Board

- Raymond reported a meeting on 02/22/2021 and they covered several house bills which will impact the ETS act. At this time their next meeting is scheduled for 03/08/2021 and he will be attending virtually. Specifically, they covered HB3702: Amends the Emergency Telephone System Act. Extends the repeal of the Act from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2023. Raymond said one item is of particular interest, the surcharge. Currently, Chairman Shure is in conversation with Representative Bennett to increase this surcharge. At this time, they are working with getting more counties involved.

d) AFR

- Raymond reported this is due at the end of January every year. This is reported late every year as he needs information from the Finance department, and they are normally busy with the audit during this time.

e) MABAS reporting

- Raymond reported he has caught up on the box alarm information with MABAS.

f) NENA/APCO meeting

- Raymond showed more discussion on HB3702

g) Firstnet mega range antenna webinar

- Raymond reported a very technical webinar discussion how antennas for first net are out there to meet communication needs.

h) Tower maintenance quote.

- Raymond stated that it is the intention of some of the ETSB members that since the ETSB has decided to move the Public Safety software suite to the next fiscal year to show some opportunities for other necessary expenses with the dollars in the contingency line item. Raymond showed a quote from Sherwood tower service of \$21,000 to complete tower maintenance. Questions, regarding the contingency budget item ended with getting a list of expected projects and their purposed cost/priority.

- i) Quotes for a new radio console at 911
  - Raymond received two budgetary quotes from Motorola Solutions and Regan communications. Motorola Solutions gave a budgetary quote of \$270,000 and if the project is moved into fy2022 to expect a 5% increase making it \$283,000. John Plavsic was introduced. Regan communications produced a budgetary quote at \$225,000 with a Zetron system.
- j) Repeaters for towers
  - Raymond reported that Sheriff Main, Sheriff Backup, and Fire A are all on Kenwood NexEdge repeaters. The following frequencies need to be considered Fire B, which is found at Crescent tower and Sheriff tower, IFERN, IREACH, ISPERN, Point to Point, UHF paging repeater. It is approximately \$5,000 to replace each repeater and about 5 repeaters need to be replaced.
- k) Generator
  - Raymond stated that he plans to put a generator bid for next month. The cost is expected between \$35,000 to \$45,000.
- l) Gilman and Onarga patrol contract
  - Raymond summarized at the last Policy and Procedure meeting that there was an article from the Gilman Starr. They reported that the villages of Gilman and Onarga are no longer interested in pursuing a patrol contract with the Iroquois County Sheriff at this time. At this time, the Village of Gilman has not paid for the FY2020 Police fees. Raymond believes that unless the village hires a Police Officer it is unlikely that they will pay the FY2021 fees.

- 7) Committee Reports
- a) Equipment / Facility Operations
    - Battery Backups – New battery purchases are in the claims from newegg.com and batteries plus.
  - b) Public Safety - Jeremy Douglas
    - February 2021 Stats
  - c) Personnel
    - It was reported that Raymond is presently looking for 1 Telecommunicator. He has 22 applicants at this time.
    - There are a total of 3 Telecommunicators recently pass anniversaries. 22, 17, and 13 years of service.
    - TC week 04/11/2021-04/17/2021
  - d) Public Relations - Charles Alt
    - Chairman Alt made comments that there was a positive interaction at the Iroquois County Board meeting. A few board members spoke positively about Director Raymond, some were new to the board, and it was felt to be encouraging. Also, Chairman Shure made comments that the ETS Board has been working well and better than ever.
  - e) Finance
    - Grant updates – No update
    - Approve claims
      - Conrad made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Morgeson
      - Aye: Alt, Conrad, Morgeson, Weber
      - Nay:
- 8) Old Business
- 9) New Business
- 10) Other Business
- 11) Adjournment

As there was no further business to be brought to the board it was moved by Morgeson and seconded by Weber to Adjourn at 6:07 PM. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Aye: Alt, Conrad, Morgeson, Weber  
Nay:

Next Meeting Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 5:00PM