

**IROQUOIS COUNTY ETSB MEETING**  
**April 6, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.**  
**Clifford Bury Administrative Center – County Board Room**  
**1001 East Grant, Watseka, IL**

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

- 1) Opening of the meeting  
Chairman Alt opened the meeting at 5:00 PM. Members present were Dave Morgeson, Jeremy Douglas, Joe Young. Absent Warren Weber. Also, present ETS Director Eric Raymond.  
Roll Call for Mileage:  
Aye: Alt, Young  
Nay: Douglas, Morgeson, Schippert
- 2) Approval of the agenda  
Motion made by Morgeson to approve the April 6, 2022 agenda. Seconded by Young.  
Motion carried by a Voice Vote
- 3) Approve 12/08/2021 and 12/22/2021 minutes  
Motion made by Morgeson. Seconded by Douglas  
Motion carried by voice vote.
- 4) Approve 01/19/2022 Minutes  
Motion made by Douglas. Seconded by Morgeson  
Motion carried by voice vote.
- 5) Public Comment
- 6) Open/approve i3/NG9-1-1 compliant phone system bids
  - a) Raymond advised of an email received from Damon Marquis with Central Square advising it appears they are working in the direction to approval from AT&T. It's not final at this time and should have confirmation in the near future.
- 7) Open/approve GIS Fly over bids
  - a) No update
- 8) Discuss/Approve Sheriff Maintenance MOU
  - a) Raymond presented the Iroquois County signed MOU to the ETSB, and explained it was presented to the Iroquois County Board and ARPA committee. Raymond mentioned the largest portion of the MOU is the understanding of the expectation that the ETSB generally undertakes the larger share of the cost. Raymond commented that this is impossible to determine that ARPA funding may be available again 10-20 years. If so, it is possible that Iroquois County may take the greater share at that time.  
A motion by Morgeson to approve the MOU with the Iroquois County Board and Iroquois County Sheriff's department. Seconded by Douglas  
Motion carried by a voice vote  
Aye: Alt, Morgeson, Douglas, Schippert, Young
- 9) Discuss/Approve retired generator disposal/re-sale

- a) Raymond reported a conversation with Jim Devine that is the recommendation as the generator was purchased with tax payer funds we need to recoup as many tax dollars as possible for other projects/needs. Dave Morgeson came on the day the new generator was installed and is presently at Mowery's auction waiting for their next public auction. The ETSB will receive a check less any fees.

It was moved by Young and seconded by Douglas to sell the Generator.

Motion approved by a roll call vote

Aye: Alt, Morgeson, Douglas, Schippert, Young

10) Discuss/Approve administrative phone system to VOIP solution.

- a) Raymond reported that on a few nights administrative phone lines would not allow 911 to make outbound calls. After multiple conversations with AT&T and since it's an intermittent issue it's going to be difficult to resolve. Since the phone lines are POTS (Plain old telephone system) which is known as copper wire and is presently going to sunset in August 2022 time frame. It's in our best interest to upgrade the system now versus having to make any additional emergency moves. Quest from Ruder Technologies for the ESI phone system, Nelson Systems for the recorder which needs to have additional \$1750 for licenses and hardware costs. Raymond is waiting on a quote from Central Square to make certain the full costs are made available. The conversation was tabled pending additional information.

11) Discuss/Approve bid form for fire suppression system in 911 server room

- a) Raymond reported with the pending of so much new equipment and that previous discussion back in May of 2021 that a fire suppression system needs to be installed.

Morgeson made a motion to approve the fire suppression bid. Seconded by Schippert. Motion carried by a voice vote.

12) ETS Director's report

- a) Raymond reported that he join an Illinois APCO emerging technologies committee. This committee is designed to be a low effort attendance. We presently talk about emerging technologies that is expected to come up. Examples are NG911, Radios, currently the group is attempting to gather education materials to get this out to the rest of Illinois so everyone is more informed when making decisions. Over the past few months Raymond has attended multiple meetings with the national weather service when the area was planned to receive significant snow falls. MABAS telecommunicator conference in late February was reported to be a great conference with new faces. They did not have their normal turn out for people they were about 80 they normally get around 120-150. Mental health is always a topic. Keeping the conference a safe place is always made in the highest effort so sensitive topics can be discussed and solutions can be offered. APCO leadership symposium meetings were held in Plainfield. Raymond stated he attended both the supervisor and Manger sessions. They are great each year attended. This was the first year he attended the supervisor session as it was felt there was some good in gathering additional information from people who direct manage people. Then, on 04/08/2022 Raymond met with Addiction Recovery Services to speak with one of their mangers about some education for the Telecommunicators. It's possible that some continuing education for

their EMD licenses which will be great for everyone to taking the training materials. These materials will be helpful for identifying some mental health and or substance abuse points which would be used to more accurately determine the type of help a patient needs to be forwarded to first responders pre-arrival.

13) Committee Reports

- a) Battery Backups – no report
- b) Fire B data signal tracing – This has been complete and the Fire B repeater has been moved back to normal
  - One issue was presented following moving the Fire B repeater. KC Communications did not speak with Raymond when the was completed. The following Monday there was a call for Crescent fire to a scene. They did not receive their page because the ICOM radio did not receive the updated PL change. It was resolved earlier that day. Raymond stated he did not feel that will be a mistake made twice any time soon. Raymond also stated he will be making certain that he is followed up with when other changes are made in the future.

14) Public Safety

- a) 2022 stats were presented.

15) Personnel

- a) The week of 04/10 is Telecommunicator week.
- b) 1 TC was out for the month of February for FMLA and they have returned to work as of the beginning of March.
- c) Raymond reported he is hiring for 1 Telecommunicator. And a Final interview is scheduled for 04/07/2022. He stated that the hiring process, at what appears to be the dis of his staff. Started with the speed dating interviews. A big thank you to Breein Suver, Iroquois county Clerk, Jennifer Ingram, Veterans Assistance, and Cheyenne Denoyer, workforce development, and Josh Harris Telecommunicator with ICOM. Raymond felt each of these individuals were good judges of character and would be great people to involve in the interviewing process. Afterwards, the individuals if selected form the speed interview would move onto a shadowing of the Telecommunicators. This part of the process is to introduce the individual to 911 and give them the opportunity to learn what it's about prior to their acceptance of employment. Then, a final interview with Raymond, and different TC than who they sat with. Afterwards, Douglas spoke with the rationale as to why one of the ETSB or a member of Police, Fire or EMS was not added to the interview process. Raymond explained that the first suggestion was to not add those individuals and they do look for a different type of skillset. He further said that as this was the first time rolling this process through he expected changes were going to be completed as more hiring opportunities arose.

16) Approval of Claims

- a) A motion made by Young and seconded by Douglas to approve the claims as presented
  - Motion carried by roll call vote:
  - Aye: Alt, Morgeson, Douglas, Schippert, Young
  - Nay:

- 17) Old Business
  - a)
  
- 18) New Business
  - a) Raymond reported that Bruce Harris and associates contract is in the claims packet and is requesting a motion to have that contract approve and signed.  
Motion made by Douglas and seconded by Young to approve the contract. Motion carried by voice vote
  
- 19) Adjournment

As there was no further business to be brought to the board it was moved by Douglas and seconded by Young to Adjourn at 6:36 P.M. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Next Meeting Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 5:00PM