

IROQUOIS COUNTY ETSB MEETING
March 8, 2023
Clifford Bury Administrative Center – County Board Room
1001 East Grant, Watseka, IL

MEMBERS: Chairman Charles Alt, Vice-Chairman Dave Morgeson, Curtis Marcott, Jim Lehmkuhl,
Todd Schippert, and Warren Weber.

- 1) Opening of the meeting
Chairman Charles alt opened the meeting at 5:03 PM. Members present were Dave Morgeson, Curtis Marcott, Jim Lehmkuhl, Todd Schippert, and Warren Weber. Also, present County Board Chairman John Shure, County Board member Doug Gieger, Sheriff Clinton J. Perzee, and ETS Director Eric Raymond.

Roll Call for Mileage:
Aye: Alt
Nay: Morgeson, Marcott, Lehmkuhl, Schippert, Weber
- 2) Approval of the agenda
Motion made by Weber to approve the March 8, 2023 agenda. Seconded by Morgeson.
Motion carried by a Voice Vote
- 3) Approve February 8, 2023 Minutes
Motion made by Morgeson. Seconded by Weber. Correcting the Minutes under Personnel where it states Negation's to Negotiations.
Motion carried by voice vote.
- 4) Public Comment
There was no public comment.
- 5) Approve/Discuss communication services agreement with Iroquois County.
Raymond explained that this agreement is a contract that has already been agreed on based on the currently approved FY2023 budget.
It was moved by Marcott and seconded Lehmkuhl to approve the agreement.
Motion carried by voice vote.
- 6) ETS Director performance and direction.
Raymond explained that State Attorney Jim Devine felt that since there will not be the ability to approve the present minutes, and since there new ETS Board Members that it may be appropriate for the Board to go into an executive session to determine future direction. It was determined that the previous recording should be shared to the newest Board members and then the item for an executive session should be on the next month's meeting agenda.
- 7) ETS Director's report
 - Verizon Mobile Command Center bill. Raymond introduced Sheriff Clinton J. Perzee and explained that the he was contacted by Sheriff because he wants to offset the charges to the command center in lieu of completely shutting the command center down. Raymond gave a brief history of the purchase and the agreement made with the previous Sheriff Hagen and the Eastern Mutual Aid Association. It was further discussed that perhaps Verizon would be able to

create an account and turning the device off during periods of no need and turn it on if emergencies arise.

STARCOM 21 was also discussed with Sheriff Perzee and his current goals for the Sheriff's department's radio system usage and for the future.

- Raymond advised that there was a meeting at the end of February consisting of members of the City of Watseka Mayor John Allhands, Finance Chairman Benny Marcier, Chief Jeremy Douglas, County Board Chairman John Shure, County Board Finance Chairman Michael McTaggart, ETS Board member Curtis Marcott, and ETS Director Eric Raymond. Raymond remarked that each year during budget discussions for the ETSB and Iroquois County that the City of Watseka is usually put in a financial position due to their budget fiscal year running May 1st to April 30th. The conversation ended with a 5% increase for the City of Watseka (\$126,000), Iroquois County (\$126,000), Public Safety tax (\$157,500), and ETSB (\$239,697.64). Raymond further commented that there is a lot of the time left in the current fiscal year at the current number, and as it stands with the agreement of the City of Watseka and Iroquois County should be good for FY24. However, when reviewing FY25 if this number is to stay the same with the present increase will eventually get very challenging to the ETSB. There have been instances in the past where the ETSB had run out of funds which required Iroquois County and City of Watseka to contribute greater portions to the Joint Dispatch budget. The conversation also included discussion as to how to increase the dispatch fees and also make it more fair across the board versus how it is done at present. Consolidation was a more serious topic that was mentioned but not a lot of discussion. The State-Wide Advisory board (SAB) in an open to the public meeting that occurs on the regular and the surcharge is a regular topic of discussion. There are meetings coming in the near future to discuss the ETS Act and surcharge will be a topic of discussion. This is in preparation of the next SAB Meeting scheduled for Monday 3/20/2023.
- Raymond reported quotes for a new office chair for his office as his is getting degraded.
- MABAS Conference was a great learning opportunity. One of the first combined sessions was the shooting at Highland park on 07/04/2022.
- APCO/NENA meeting was held on Thursday 02/23/2023 during the MABAS conference.
- Meeting at the City of Watseka on Tuesday 03/14/2023 at 6:30 PM to discuss the budget items presented earlier.
- AFR report has been sent to the state as it is required by the state to reflect how the ETSB spends it funds.
- PPR and PFR for the 2nd quarter for the grant.
- Meeting with Harbor House to discuss their new Shelter in Iroquois County, most has to do with the police but there are opportunities where dispatch does play a role.
- Text 2 9-1-1 coming soon, waiting on the state bid to be completed.
- New phone system, waiting on equipment
- Electrical in server room – followed up with B&D electric looking mid-month March.

8) Committee Reports

- Battery Backups – new egg.com claim is in the claims packet for purchase of new batteries.

- 9) Public Safety
 - 2023 stats were presented.
- 10) Personnel
 - Sharlee Daniels has started on 01/20/2023 and is on her own as of 02/08/2023.
 - One TC is out for 1 month, due to a surgery.
- 11) Grant updates
 - No report
- 12) Approval of Claims
 - A motion made by Morgeson and seconded by Marcott to approve the claims as presented
 - Motion carried by roll call vote:
 - Aye: Alt, Morgeson, Lehmkuhl, Marcott, Schippert, Weber
 - Nay:
- 13) Old Business
- 14) New Business
- 15) 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 6:04 PM.
 - Motion carried by a voice vote.