

IROQUOIS COUNTY ETSB MEETING

July 9, 2024

Clifford Bury Administrative Center – County Board Room

1001 East Grant St., 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 7:00 PM. Members present were Dave Morgeson, Jim Lehmkuhl, Curtis Marcott, Todd Schippert, and Warren Weber. Also present ETS Director Eric Raymond.

Roll Call for Mileage:
Aye: Alt
Nay: Morgeson, Lehmkuhl, Marcott, Schippert, Weber
- 2) Approval of the agenda
Motion made by Morgeson to approve the July 9, 2024 agenda. Seconded by Weber.
Motion carried by a voice vote.
- 3) Approve June 4, 2024 minutes.
Motion made by Morgeson to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Weber.
Motion carried by voice vote.
- 4) Public Comment
No comment
- 5) ETS Board Elections
Chairman – Charles Alt nominated Dave Morgeson and seconded by Lehmkuhl. Motion carried by voice vote.
Vice-Chairman - Morgeson nominated Warren Weber and seconded by Schippert.
Motion Carried by voice vote.
- 6) Approve/discuss ETS Board By-laws.
Raymond presented the By-laws packet mentioning that the only update is the meeting date and time of the board.
It was discussed amongst the board to table the conversation.
- 7) Approve/discuss ETS Director's Job Description.
It was moved by Marcott and seconded by Lehmkuhl to approve the ETS Directors Job Description as presented.
- 8) Approve discuss FY2025 Budget
Raymond presented the Joint Dispatch and ETSB Budget. After discussion it was decided to invite Iroquois County Board Chairman John Shure, Iroquois County Finance Chairman Michael McTaggart, Finance Manager Jill Johnson, Watseka Mayor John Allhands, Watseka Finance Chairman Benny Marcier, Chief Douglas, Chief Ken Baier to the next month meeting. The Board tabled the executive session and further budget conversation.

9) ETS Director's report

- Jennifer Garrett is no longer with us.
 - Currently interviewing candidates.
 - Received 101 applicants on indeed.com
- KC Communications on 06/20 to have them take a look at Fire B repeater because both Tim McClain and Chief Dirks complained about the Volume being low from the dispatchers. I am responding sounded fine. Unfortunately, the lock was changed and a new, correct, code was not entered. I did verify what the code was after driving out to the tower, and it wasn't set correctly with VerticalBridge.
- KC communications on 07/02/2024 because someone hopped the gate and stole all of the copper grounding wires around Crescent Tower. This was not great timing for we had the possibility of storms on Independence day. Thankfully Jerry Rosaleus was around and spotted it and between KC communications and himself repaired our grounding. The difficult situation lies with VerticalBridge because the tower grounding was also taken out. They being a business working toward cost effectiveness was trying to get quotes when we are in a situation of "time is of the essence." Ultimately Ken and Jerry are trying to work with VerticalBridge, but I made the statement I believe the ETSB will make it right with them regardless of VerticalBridge issues. End of the day more to come on this but we may see the full bill for all grounding of the tower and ETSB antennas/repeaters.
 - I am doing some basic research for some surveillance camera's mainly as a deterrent but secondarily if this does happen again we'll have video footage and an established timeline to catch the person or persons involved. This is a multiple focal problems. 1. If this happens again not only does it help ourselves it's going to help VerticalBridge. AT&T, and many other vendors attached to the towers. 2. These individuals could have cut a lot more than just the grounding. Our antennas could have but cut too. 3. Increases to the security of the gate over top just makes it that much easier for them to simply go through the fence with a bolt cutter. This is still going to need to speak with VerticalBridge and get permission to set this all up, but I do not feel we should really have any issues at the end of the day, time will tell for certain.
- Schedule in packet – Eric is going to be very busy after one goes out for maternity. Her due date is 07/11 but could go out at any time. So, if anyone questions where I can be found or why I am not being overly responsive the schedule is the main reason.
- Active Shooter tabletop with EMA Coordinator Scott Anderson on Wednesday 07/10/2024 @ 9AM
- Meeting with Woodland Fire Trustee's has been rescheduled. As shown from my current schedule we may do an ad hoc meeting instead. Main goal right now is to explain to them why there has been so many mistakes. Then, work to the goal of getting it to 100% for their EMS pages.
- Servers are a little closer to fully running, working with Areawide (Adam) to make sure they are up to snuff as far as security is concerned. Afterwards, we'll move the former CAD server to our servers and will be completely off of the County servers
- 07/07/2024 we an issue with the Anti-Virus which caused the Jail to initially not be able to log into the CentralSquare system. Shortly thereafter, we found out it was actually impacting everyone, unless you have already been in the system prior to about 715AM. Contacted

CentralSquare who had already had an instance of this problem and asked me to check the anti-virus, once I did see the problem and then checked in with Area-wide and they were able to fix it on the fly, along with verifying a list of impacted computers between 911 and the Sheriff's office.

- Zetron console update – They have all of the equipment at Ragan communications, I have a spreadsheet I'm reviewing with them to make sure the channels are working as appropriate. I'm certain more paperwork will be coming through the next few months. Just because of the schedule I did inform them we will not be ready for a go live of this system at the earliest mid-September which is Sharlee's potential return and new hire "go live."
- MACH – received an email from there stating that they are not LEADS 3 compliant, which is difficult to understand since they are live with the Illinois State Police. So many are finding this this problematic. Currently trying to explore other avenues to replace the Motorola MDC (IWINS) sunset.
- CentralSquare – working with them to see what abilities that system has so the Sheriff's Deputies can continue to function with the no MDC/IWINS.

10) Committee Reports

- No Report

11) Public Safety

- 2024 stats were presented.

12) Personnel

13) Grant updates

No update

14) Approval of Claims

- A motion made by Morgeson and seconded by Schippert to approve the claims as presented.
 - Motion carried by roll call vote:
 - Aye: Alt, Morgeson, Weber, Schippert, Lehmkuhl, Marcott
 - Nay:

15) Old Business

16) New Business

- The ETS Board thanked Charles Alt for his last time as the ETS Board Chairman.

17) Adjournment

As there was no further business to be brought to the board it was moved by Morgeson and seconded by Marcott at 8:47 P.M.

Motion carried by a voice vote.