

IROQUOIS COUNTY ETSB MEETING

April 9, 2025

Clifford Bury Administrative Center – County Board Room

1001 East Grant St., Watseka, IL

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

1) Opening of the meeting

Chairman Dave Morgeson opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Members present were Charles Alt, Jim Lehmkuhl, and Todd Schippert. Absent Curtis Marcott and Warren Weber. Also present, EMA Coordinator Scott Anderson, and Eric Raymond - ETS Director. Attending remote Crescent-Iroquois EMS Coordinator Tim McClain.

Roll Call for Mileage:

Aye: Alt

Nay: Morgeson, Lehmkuhl, Schippert

2) Approval of the April 9, 2025 agenda

Motion made by Schippert to approve the March 4, 2025 agenda. Seconded by Lehmkuhl.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

3) Approve March 4, 2025 Minutes.

Motion made by Lehmkuhl to approve the minutes. Seconded by Schippert.

Motion carried by voice vote.

4) Public Comment

EMA Coordinator Scott Anderson provided comment due to the recent weather event in the previous week. A tornado siren was to be activated per the national weather service which did not occur. Mr. Anderson contacted dispatch to verify why the sirens were not activated and was told that ICOM does not sound sirens unless a designated official requests it. Mr. Anderson then requested for the specific communities to have the sirens activated. Then, he referenced the Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) and believes it dictates that dispatch should automatically without a designated official requesting the sirens to be activated. A new directive was presented requesting the tornado sirens per the national weather service, EMA Coordinator Scott Anderson or his designee, County Board Chairman, Village Mayor, Sheriff, Police Chief, Fire Chief, or on duty Police Officer. Mr. Anderson, commented on Eric Raymond's style of policy maintenance and does not feel it is sufficient, and believes he should maintain a Policy and Procedure handbook. After further discussion it was determined that the EMA Coordinator would accept the responsibility if there was an issue or question from the public, and those instances of no specification then activate the siren county-wide. Mr. Raymond and Mr. Anderson will begin discussions to implement a policy for Tornado siren activation.

5) Discussion and action on Emergency Medical Dispatch bid.

Raymond reported there have been two bids received. Chairman Morgeson opened APCO with a bid of \$54,838.00 which includes a 5-year maintenance agreement. Then, Total Response (formerly Power Phone) with a bid of \$65,598.00.

6) Discussion and action on PC purchase for 911 Center.

Raymond presented the quote from Area-Wide for the amount \$6,439.95. He further commented on additional research at Dell, Lenovo, newegg.com, and amazon.com did not result in better prices.

It was moved by Lehmkuhl to approve the quote from Area-Wide. Seconded by Alt.
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Aye: Morgeson, Alt, Schippert, Lehmkuhl

Nay:

7) Discussion and Action rescheduling May ETSB Meeting.

Raymond spoke to the need to move the May 06, 2025 ETSB meeting date due to assisting with the dispatching schedule. He showed a current copy of the schedule for the board's review. Available dates were suggested 05/09, 05/15, 05/16, 5/22, or cancel the meeting in preparation for June.

It was moved by Schippert to move the next ETSB meeting date to Thursday May 15, 2025 at 7PM and seconded by Morgeson.

Motion carried by voice vote.

8) ETS Director's report

Check processing problem

Animal Control

AT&T ESInet outage on 04/03/2025 9PM

Cissna Park Antenna hanging wire has been fixed.

Finance Committee is trying to begin budget 1 month earlier this year.

CentralSquare fax issue with Gilman Fire still on going.

Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board

APCO/NENA Town Hall meeting

AFR has been submitted and accepted by the state.

Call handling agreements have been sent

MABAS reporting has been submitted for box alarm usage

Zetron console has had some other minor updates.

- 9) Committee Reports
- 10) Equipment/Facility Operations
 - Battery Backups – no reports
- 11) Public Safety
 - 2025 stats were presented.
- 12) Personnel
 - TC Week is 04/13-04/19/2025
 - Kayla Miarnowski no longer with 911 effective 04/08/2025
 - 03/22/2025 – Posted new TC position on indeed.com
 - 04/05-04/08/2025 Interviewed potential candidates, and working with Amanda Longfellow for some additional information
- 13) Grant updates
- 14) Approval of Claims
 - A motion made by Schippert and seconded by Lehmkuhl approve the claims as presented.
 - Motion carried by roll call vote:
 - Aye: Morgeson, Alt, Lehmkuhl, Schippert
 - Nay:
- 15) Old Business
- 16) New Business
- 17) Adjournment
 - As there was no further business to be brought to the board it was moved by Lehmkuhl and seconded by Schippert at 8:20 P.M.
 - Motion carried by a voice vote.