

IROQUOIS COUNTY ETSB MEETING

April 7, 2026

Clifford Bury Administrative Center – County Board Room

1001 East Grant St., Watseka, IL

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

Opening of the meeting

Chairman Dave Morgeson opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Members present were Charles Alt, Mark Harris, Jim Lehmkuhl, Todd Schippert, and Warren Weber. Also present, Iroquois County Board Member Donna Crow, Iroquois County Board Member Lyle Behrends, and Eric Raymond - ETS Director.

Roll Call for Mileage:

Aye: Alt

Nay: Morgeson, Harris, Weber, Schippert, Lehmkuhl

Approval of April 7, 2026 Agenda

Motion made by Harris to approve the April 7, 2026 agenda. Seconded by Weber.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

Approve March 3, 2026 Minutes.

Motion made by Lehmkuhl to approve the March 3, 2026 minutes. Seconded by Alt.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Iroquois County Board Member Donna Crow advised that at the Management Committee discussed the ETSB's lease for the 911 center will be increasing to \$14.06 per square foot for the next two years. Also, being accompanied by Vice-Chair Jamie Bakken further discussions with the City of Watseka for dispatch fees paid to the Joint Dispatch budget will continue. The last conversation with Watseka for the next three years including this fiscal year is as follows: fy26 - \$145,000, fy27 \$159,500, and fy28 \$175,450.

Discussion and Action for STARCOM21 Antenna and toner card for Fire department use.

Raymond stated at last month's meeting it was requested for him to get an updated quote for the cost of a new STARCOM antenna and it was presented with a cost of \$2,762.75. After further discussion it was advised to give it to the requesting department to determine how they would like to proceed and cover the cost.

Discussion and Action for Starlink internet service.

Raymond advised he was requested to verify the cost of month-to-month internet utilizing Starlink. The cost is expected to be \$50.00 per month. No cost for equipment but if they were to end services it would need to be shipped back to the company. It was additionally asked to verify the potential cost of separating the 911 center from Iroquois Counties network if needed. After a conversation with Area-Wide it was projected to be a loose ball-park figure in the \$40,000 initial cost with \$10,000 in annual costs. The needed conversation was due to the recent fiber disconnect on 03/30/2026 which exposed the county back up internet was disconnected. This was due to the company failing to send an invoice and consequently disconnecting the service due to non-payment. Raymond stated that the Finance/IT/Tax committee discussed it at the

04/06/2026 meeting and additional research was needed to ensure that Starlink was the best opportunity for Iroquois County. It was his recommendation to allow the Iroquois County Board to work on this issue before making additional decisions.

ETS Director's report

Weather events

03/30 & 03/31 Fiber disconnects

ETS Act changes

AFR has been submitted

FCC paperwork for text to 911 has been sent

Total Response

IamResponding

CentralSquare phones to cloud

Windows 11 PC replacements

Telecommunicator Interviews

Bruce Harris and Associates have merged with Schneider Geospatial

Committee Reports

Equipment/Facility Operations

Battery Backups – no report

Public Safety

2026 stats were presented.

Personnel

Kaylea Woodby ended employment as of 03/13/2026

TC Week is April 12-18

Finance

Grant updates – no update

A motion made by Schippert to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Lehmkuhl.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Aye: Morgeson, Schippert, Harris, Alt, Lehmkuhl

Nay:

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

As there was no further business to be brought to the board it was moved by Alt and seconded by Harris to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 P.M.

Motion carried by a voice vote.