

IROQUOIS COUNTY ETSB MEETING

June 2, 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, Jim Lehmkuhl, Todd Schippert, and Warren Weber. Also present, Iroquois County Board Member Donna Crow, and Eric Raymond - ETS Director. Mark Harris was absent.

Roll Call for Mileage:

Aye: Alt

Nay: Morgeson, Weber, Schippert, Lehmkuhl

Approval of June 2, 2026 Agenda

Motion made by Weber to approve the June 2, 2026 agenda. Seconded by Lehmkuhl.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

Approve April 7, 2026 Minutes.

Motion made by Schippert to approve the April 7, 2026 minutes. Seconded by Weber.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

No public comment.

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

Raymond reported the radio donated from Otto Fire has been received from RAGAN Communication and is ready to be added to the console. The next step is for the antenna to be installed and paid for which is currently waiting on a response from MABAS 7 as their next meeting is scheduled for 06/09/2026 at 7PM.

Discussion and Action for Starlink internet service.

Raymond reported the Finance committee met on 06/01/2026. There was not an agenda item to discuss the back up internet and he spoke to it during department head reports. At present there is a rough estimate of \$60,000 in service and equipment to start segregating 911 systems to be independent from Iroquois County with it's own primary and back-up internet. This also comes with an annual cost of near \$10,000. The current Conxxus contract is for 60 months from a meeting in 2023.

Discussion and Action on Iroquois County lease for 911

Raymond reported the lease agreement was received from the Iroquois County Board and rent is increasing from the \$1,608.75 to \$2,056.28 per month for a period of two years 06/01/2026-05/31/2028. It was discussed by the board the rationale as to why the lease is/isn't necessary as well as history.

Motion made by Morgeson to approve the lease with Iroquois County effective 06/01/2026-05/31/2028. Seconded by Weber.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Aye: Morgeson, Weber, Alt, Lehmkuhl

Nay: Schippert

Discussion and Action ETSB By-Laws

Raymond reported July is elections for the ETS Board and provided the Board with copies of the current By-Laws. He made mention that the special committee with County Board member Donna Corw and Vice-Chairman Jamie Bakken have been in discussions with the City of Watseka. There is a current consensus that the City of Watseka's Finance Chairman would be appointed to the ETS Board to represent the City of Watseka. Mayor Benny Marcier is the current Finance Chairman. Mayor Marcier feels that the ETSB needs to modify it's day and time to meet as the City of Watseka currently Meets on Tuesday at 6:30 PM each week. Raymond suggested that the board does not modify it's time and this time and allow Mayor Marcier if appointed to the ETS Board to have the discussion of moving the meeting date and time. Raymond also commented that the fact the Finance Chairman of the Watseka City Council is not an issue, but having a conversation with Mayor Marcier to make absolutely certain that any additional members to the ETS Board are being made with the appropriate understanding of the ETSB's function. Also, the Iroquois County Board or their representative should be having conversations with the current ETS Board about any changes that may be made to it's composition.

Discussion and Action FY2027 Budget

Raymond presented and reviewed the Joint Dispatch and ETSB's budgets.

ETS Director's report

TC Week 04/12-04/18

AT&T Meetings for Geo-diverse ESInet connections

Camp 9-1-1 week of 04/20 and 04/27

AFR has been submitted and is now approved

TotalResponse (PowerPhone)

IamResponding for WPD

CentralSquare phone to cloud

Telecommunicator Interviews

Thank you to all of our Police, Fire and EMS departments for pushing the job posting on their social media pages

Mini splint air conditioner in server room failed on 05/28

ETS Act changes

Phone system – Station 3 randomly started having phone audio issues where the phone wasn't receiving any audio (Speaker, handset or headset)

Eventide recorder - reduced audio retention to 500 days.

Equipment/Facility Operations

Battery Backups – new batteries have been purchased

Public Safety

2026 stats were presented.

Personnel

One individual was planned to start on 05/03 but did not report for duty.

Courtney Martin has resigned effective 07/14/2026

Caroline Ivers started 5/28 and resigned as of 5/31

One other new hire is planned to start on 06/17/2026

Additional people have been contacted for shadowing

Finance

Grant updates – no update

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

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Aye: Morgeson, Weber, Schippert, Alt, Lehmkuhl

Nay:

Old Business

Donna Crow spoke to the Health Departments current budget and things appear to be tight going into fy27. The Iroquois County board is looking at revenue's and it does not appear to that those numbers are as high as they would have expected at this time. Representative Jason Bunting is hosting a services fair on 06/10/2026 at the Watseka Unit 9 administrative building.

New Business

Adjournment

As there was no further business to be brought to the board it was moved by Alt and seconded by Schippert to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 P.M.

Motion carried by a voice vote.