

Whiteside County ETSB

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WHITESIDE COUNTY ETSB
July 19th, 2018 2:30 p.m.
200 East Knox Street, Morrison, IL

Members present included: John Booker, Jim Duffy, Jim Melton, Gary Cook, Ray Darsidan, Doug Coppotelli and Arian Landheer. Also present was Karl Kovarik, 911 Coordinator.

The Monthly Financial Reports were reviewed for April through June 2018. Motion by Melton to approve bills as paid. Second by Booker. Motion carried.

Motion by Coppotelli to approve the minutes from the April 19th, 2018 meeting. Second by Cook. Motion carried.

No Public Comment.

New Business: Karl introduced Arian Landheer as the newly appointed ETSB member filling Keith Crady's vacancy. Landheer was appointed at Tuesday's County Board Meeting and is assistant chief for the Prophetstown Fire Department.

Karl advised that he will be researching Priority Dispatch's Emergency Police Dispatching (EPD) software and protocols. There is a discount if it purchased within a year of EMD & EFD being deployed by the Whiteside County Sheriff's Center. He hopes to have a proposal by the next meeting.

Karl reported that the Sheriff's department is in the process of filling a dispatch supervisor position that was not refilled in 2010 as part of the early-out option to employees that met the county's criteria. It was discussed between Sheriff Kelly Wilhemi, John Booker, Joel Horn and Karl that this position should be an assistant to Claudia Garcia, Dispatch Director and to the 911 Coordinator. It was proposed that the Sheriff's Department be responsible for hiring and employing the position at 66% of the salary/benefits and the ETSB/911 be responsible for 33% of the salary/benefits. Starting salary would be \$55,000. At 33%, it would cost the ETSB just under \$30,000 for their portion of the salary/benefits. It was discussed that neither current position has any sort of a backup or assistant. Karl indicated he works closely with Claudia and other employees, but no one can currently fill in for either 100% should they be on vacation or unavailable. Karl indicated that he would like to educate this person on aspects of the 911 system as well as the other computer systems and applications maintained by the ETSB/911 department in case something comes up while Karl is unavailable. The position will be located at the Sheriff's Department, but work closely with Claudia and Karl. This person will be helping with the schedules here as well as being involved in the

upkeep and maintenance of the Priority Dispatch applications and review of its use. The position has been approved by the County's Public Safety Committee and will proceed to the Wages and Salary Committee next. Once approved it will move on to the full County Board. It may make the August agenda, but could be delayed until September. Discussion followed. Motion by Melton to proceed with the partial funding of this position as the assistant to the 911 Coordinator. 2nd by Darsidan. Motion carried.

Karl provided a 2019 Budget Proposal worksheet and the current Budgetary Status Report provided by the County Administrator. Karl indicated that this proposed budget has taken the new assistant position into consideration and is reflected in the increase for the Department Head Salary line item. Karl indicated that the Service Contracts line item was increased to accommodate the deployment of NG911 as well as the implementation of EPD. The computer equipment line item was reduced by the cost of the 2 new AS400's purchased under last year's budget. Discussion followed. Motion by Cook, 2nd by Landheer to accept proposed Budget request. Motion carried. Karl will submit to County Administrator's office for adoption.

Old Business:

Karl reported that the Sheriff's Department Dispatchers went live in May on the Priority Dispatch EFD & EMD protocols. They appear to be adjusting and it seems to be working well and is being accepted countywide.

Karl advised that the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) handed down her ruling on July 13th on DeKalb's Petition to Modify their 911 System requesting their move to the NG911 System. DeKalb's plan was rejected. The rejection basically alleged that iFiber was not qualified to deliver 911 traffic as they are not a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC). She also included in the ruling that iFiber is not a System Service Provider (SSP). The mention of SSP was included in the ruling, however is not contained in any of the regulations governing 911 systems and further limits what companies can be used to provide the NG911 Network. This contradicts what the State of Illinois is trying to implement with their NG911 network solution as well. The ICC's other point of contention was that iFiber was not registered with JULIE. That was disproved early on, as they are registered, just not under the name "iFiber". Karl provided an "Options for NINGA July 2018" document that was provided by NG-911, the vendor, outlining the options moving forward. NINGA will be taking the following steps: 1) NG-911/DeKalb will be filing a "Brief on Exceptions" requesting reconsideration and to seek clarification of the SSP/CLEC issue; 2) iFiber will be requested to file as a CLEC; 3) NG-911 will request pricing for a network to replace the iFiber piece. Depending on the results of these in short manner, the option of installing the new hardware utilizing our the old existing networks will be brought to the front of the line again. This will not get us to the NG911 level, but it will get all 11 counties off their old-out-dated equipment. Then once a NG911 network becomes available to all the counties, that the State will approve, the move off the old network and onto the new should be relatively quick.

Down the road, it may be necessary to contact legislators and bring them up to speed on the road block the State has put into place for our systems trying to implement the a new 911 system capable of handling the newer technologies already being used by the public.

Karl brought to the groups attention, that a number of years ago when iFiber was seeking federal grants to build their network, their group approached the counties and 911 systems to get all on board with the new network. They promised that it would fulfill our public safety needs and requests. At this point, they are failing to follow through with their promise. Karl indicated that at a previous meeting the ETSB moved in favor of going the route of installing the new 911 equipment on the old network, to keep the process moving, so no additional action needs to be taken in that regard.

Karl advised that the 911 Conference at the Crown Plaza, Springfield is set for November 4-7. He will send materials to the members once it becomes available and requested anyone interested in attending to contact him. Karl will make conference and room reservations as necessary.

The 2018 ETSB meeting dates: October 18, 2018, January 17th, April 18th, July 18th and October 17, 2019 at 2:30pm in the LEC Hearing Room

No other business.

Motion by Booker to adjourn. Second by Duffy. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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