

# **Whiteside County ETSB**

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WHITESIDE COUNTY ETSB

August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 2:30 p.m.

200 East Knox Street, Morrison, IL

This meeting was held in lieu of the July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regularly scheduled meeting, which was cancelled due to no quorum being present. Members present included: John Booker, Jim Melton, Dave Pilgrim, Chad Hartman, Mark Wisely, and Arian Landheer. Also present were Karl Kovarik, 911 Coordinator and Katie Pilgrim, Dispatch/911 Assistant.

Karl introduced Katie Pilgrim as her last introduction was via a conference call meeting.

The Monthly Financial Reports were reviewed for May through July 2020. Motion by Pilgrim to approve bills as paid. Second by Booker. Motion carried.

Motion by Melton to approve the minutes from the January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting. Second by Pilgrim. Motion carried.

No Public Comment.

New Business:

Karl shared the 2021 Budget Proposal/Budgetary Status worksheet provided by the County Administrator. Karl indicated that the proposed budget is very close to last years proposed budget noting a few differences. Discussion followed. Motion by Hartman to approve budget as proposed. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Landheer. Motion carried.

Karl advised the members that due to Gary Cook's retirement as Joint Chief of the Sterling/Rock Falls Fire Departments, there is a vacancy on the ETSB. This position has traditionally be filled by a Sterling Fire Department representative. There is an ongoing search to fill the Joint Fire Chief position. The members agreed that the position should remain vacant until the Joint Chief's position is filled. This may be re-considered at the next meeting should it appear the process will take some time. Currently, the next in command for both agencies are operating the individual departments.

Karl advised that the Illinois Legislature addressed SB1530, the ETSA Act which had a sunset clause of December 21, 2020. This date was extended until December 21, 2021. No other changes were made to the Act. This is the Act that authorizes the existence of 911 systems in Illinois and allows for the surcharge collection/disbursement.

Old Business:

Karl reported that the EPD deployment is back on the schedule. Setup and Training are in the works. Go Live is set for the first week of December. Katie has taken on this project.

Karl reported that the NINGA project has again made some major progress. Karl provided timelines for the project. Equipment has been delivered to all the counties. Boone County will be in the training phase next week with go-live set for the following week. The order of county's go live has been changed due to an issue with Frontier delivering CAMA trunks to DeKalb, Ogle and Stephenson Counties. These counties have dropped to the end of the schedule at this time. Over all the project has been delayed 2 weeks, but things are still moving. Karl anticipates a tech on site possibly this week or next to start installing back room equipment. They will be doing this as time allows from the other sites. Whiteside is set to go live the last week of September. These dates are all fluid based on how things progress with the other counties. A phase 1/phase 2 approach is being taken right now. Phase 1 being all new equipment being brought on line with the legacy network connections, but utilizing the NG Network for host communication. Phase 2 will be moving away from the legacy connections to the NG network when the telcos deliver their traffic directly to the new hosts. This will get all the old equipment phased out. Some counties will be completing phase 1 and 2 together depending on when the telcos deliver during the process. Once the full NG network is in place, texting and other media will be delivered through the network to the answering positions. Public awareness will be provided once this in effect.

There was discussion on the Public Safety Tax that the County Board recently approved to be placed on the November Ballot. This is to offset Communication Center expenses not directly related to 911.

Karl advised the 911 Conference to be held October 26<sup>th</sup> & 27, 2020, will be virtual this year due to COVID-19. Karl will pass on information as it becomes available.

Future ETSB meeting dates: October 15, 2020 at 2:30pm in the LEC Hearing Room.

No other business.

Motion by Landheer to adjourn. Second by Pilgrim. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl Kovarik, 911 Coordinator