

Whiteside County ETSB

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WHITESIDE COUNTY ETSB

July 15th, 2021 2:30 p.m.

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Members present included: John Booker, Jim Duffy, Chad Hartman, James Melton, Mark Wiseley, Arian Landheer and Dan Hovey. Karl Kovarik, 911 Coordinator was also present.

The Monthly Financial Reports were reviewed for April through June 2021. Motion by Landheer to approve bills as paid. Second by Booker. Motion carried.

Motion by Booker to approve the minutes from the April 15th, 2021 meeting. Second by Duffy. Motion carried.

No Public Comment.

New Business:

Karl advised that the NG911 grant submitted earlier this year has been approved for the full amount requested, \$174,653.46. A majority of this was spent on the new 911 equipment that was recently installed. Karl participated in the required training for submitting reimbursement requests and quarterly reporting. He can now submit a request for reimbursement.

Karl reported that the County GIS is live on the new servers and GTG has rolled out VPDispatch & VPMobile maps on the new platform. VPDispatch has been deployed at both Dispatch Centers. He is working on deploying to all the laptops county wide over the next few weeks. Most of the Sheriff's department laptops are done. Sterling IT will be working on Sterling PD units, Rock Falls PD is being updated by their IT vendor and Ryan will be updating CGH Ambulances. Karl will update all the smaller PD's, FD and Ambulance units.

Karl advised that the investigation into a new county wide radio base system is still ongoing. Lt. Molina is overseeing this project. A group has meet with Motorola to inform them of the county wide needs. They have responded with some preliminary ideas, but have yet to provide final figures. Lt Molina will also reach out to a Zetron vendor to look at the option of upgrading the system currently in place. One goal of this project is to eliminate or consolidate some of the equipment currently being used today at Sterling PD, Rock Falls PD, Whiteside SO and CGH. The new base system will work with all equipment currently being used by the outlying agencies with little to no disruption to their service.

Karl shared the 2022 Budget Worksheet provided by the County Administrator. Karl indicated that the proposed budget is close to last years proposed budget noting a few differences. Discussion followed. Motion by Hartman to approve budget as proposed. 2nd by Melton. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Karl reported that the EPD deployment was successfully completed back in March. Everything continues to go well. Karl advised that Katie has been doing a great job staying up on the Priority Dispatch Protocols. EPD is already due for a software update. That will take place later this month if we can get it scheduled. Karl, Katie and Claudia will tag team this upgrade as it includes updates to the server and workstations at both dispatch centers. EFD is also due for an update, but this one is a level upgrade which will require TC training. This will hopefully go off in September.

Karl advised that there are 3 NINGA counties, JoDaviess, Carroll and Bureau left waiting to deploy Phase 1 of the NG911 project. JoDaviess should happen yet in July with the others in August. Whiteside County is still waiting on technicians to become available to complete the Rock Falls PBX integration. Phase 2 is still progressing. Texting to 911 will be implemented with Phase 2 after it has been completed for all NINGA counties. NINGA is taking an all-in approach so that the public does not get confused with who can or cannot accept 911 texting in our footprint.

Karl advised that the dispatch contribution was provided to the County Administrator's office. \$125,000 went to TCCC while \$75,000 went to the SO center. No acknowledgement was received from any of the parties.

Karl advised that budgetary figures have been received for converting the old WCSO photo lab into a server room. Karl previously indicated this would be a joint venture between the County IT department, Sheriff's office and 911. The preliminary figures on installing a separate HVAC system, upgrading electricity and the corresponding network equipment/runs came in between \$15,000 and \$20,000. A bit higher than anticipated. Since looking into this project, the County IT Department started to research the option of remodeling the County Board room to make it more user friendly for electronic meetings, training sessions and just updating the old technology in place. Hopefully this will qualify for ARP funding, which could include the "server room" as it would hold some of the associated technology.

Discussion on the ETSB vacancy. The Joint Chief position was disbanded. So now SFD & RFFD will appoint chiefs for each department. Rock Falls selected Cris Bouwens. A selection has yet to be made for SFD. The ETSB vacancy has traditionally been filled by a Sterling FD representative recommended by the Fire Chief. So vacancy will remain open until a Chief has been selected.

Karl announced that the 911 Conference is scheduled for October 24-27, 2021 at the Crown Plaza, Springfield. ETSB members should contact Karl if they are interested in attending. Karl will make conference and room reservations.

2021 ETSB meeting dates: October 21st, 2021 at 2:30pm in the LEC.

No other business.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Karl Kovarik, 911 Coordinator