**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD**
**MADISON COUNTY, IL**
**Location: 101 E. Edwardsville Rd, Wood River, IL**

**Minutes of E.T.S.B. Meeting**
**April 23, 2026**

## BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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| Joe Petrokovich | PSAP Manager, Wood River Police Department |
| Scott Prange | Citizen Member |
| Ralph Well | Retired Glen Carbon Fire Chief |
| Donald McMaster | Elected Official |
| Ellar Duff | Citizen Member |

## BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

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| Marcos Pulido | Chief Deputy, Madison County Sheriff's Office |
| Brendon McKee | Fire Chief, Edwardsville Fire Department |

## STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Please see sign-in sheet.

## OTHERS

Please see sign-in sheet.

## Call TO ORDER

Chairman Petrokovich opened the Emergency Telephone System Board meeting at 9:00 a.m. on April 23, 2026.

## ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken, and present were Ms. Duff, Mr. Well, Mr. Prange, Mr. McMaster, and Chairman Petrokovich.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Weber states that last week was Telecommunicator Week, he wanted to recognize all the telecommunicators in the county and give them his appreciation for all their hard work.

## MINUTES

Chairman Petrokovich asked for action on the March 26, 2026, minutes.

**There was a motion by Ms. Duff to approve the minutes. Mr. McMaster seconded the motion. Roll call was taken, and all voted Aye.**

## Claims/ Purchase Order Recommendations Report

None.

## ETSB APPROVALS

Chairman Petrokovich asked for a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the transfer of Madison County Emergency Telephone System Board Funds to the Madison County Treasury in Accordance with the Illinois Emergency Telephone System Act.

**There was a motion by Mr. Prange to approve the resolution authorizing the transfer of Madison County Emergency Telephone System Board Funds to the Madison County Treasury in Accordance with the Illinois Emergency Telephone System Act. Mr. Well seconded the motion. Roll call was taken, and all voted Aye.**

Chairman Petrokovich asked for a motion to approve the Directors Merit Increase that will take effect July 2026.

**There was a motion by Ms. Duff to approve the Directors Merit Increase that will take effect July 2026. Mr. Well seconded the motion. Roll call was taken, and all voted Aye.**

## PURCHASE REQUEST

Chairman Petrokovich asked for action on the Purchase request of Dell Desktops and Laptops.

**There was a motion by Ms. Duff to approve the Purchase Request of the Dell Desktops and Laptops. Mr. Prange seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and all voted Aye.**

## PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Petrokovich asked for action on the purchase resolution for Tyler Technologies, Inc. Maintenance, PACE Training, and Tyler Connect.

**There was a motion by Mr. McMaster to approve the Purchase resolution for Tyler Technologies, Inc. Maintenance, PACE Training, and Tyler Connect. Ms. Duff seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and all voted Aye.**

## STAFF REPORT

1. Director Report
   a. **Tower Project –** Received from ISI and Motorola, as of April 20th, antenna and line installation is occurring at Highland and Holiday Shores this week. Fiber, electrical meters, configuration and testing still need to be completed for both sites as well. Additionally, the start of the Bethalto site has been pushed back to May. I have voiced my frustrations regarding the overall timeline of this project with Motorola. I am continually being told about weather delays, and I've made them aware that excuse is no longer valid to me. I have demanded a hard completion date from Motorola on these towers. To me, this process has gone on long enough.
   b. **Wood River/Alton Console Project –** Wood River's consoles are installed, and they are currently operating on them. They are still using their conventional radio system until the switch to Starcom; however, I have confirmed with the Chairman that they are operating as they should and there appear to be no issues other then minor tweaks to the system. We had a meeting with Motorola on April 22nd to discuss the implementation of the consoles at Alton. Motorola suggested waiting until Alton's consoles were in place, however due to the water leak causing major delays to the remodel of the communications center, we are moving forward with placing them in a temporary location within Alton PD. Again, I want to thank Alton PD for their willingness to work with us and not delay the project any further.
   c. **Recorder Project –** What I am considering final versions of the AIS Connection MOU has been send to Collinsville for their review. We are waiting to hear back from them for final signatures. The various versions of the MOUs for the recorders have gone out to the PSAPs for their administrators and counsel review. Most of the back-end work by AT&T has been completed, and they are currently checking the Text to 911 connections to ensure that traffic is recorded as it should.
   d. **Radio Project** – Last month I reported on letters going out of the various departments involved in the Starcom Project for their pricing. We are starting to get those documents back so we can send them to Motorola to ensure that invoicing has been done correctly prior to the cutover. We are anticipating cutover in late spring.
   e. **Next Generation 911 Grant Award** – When we applied for the FY 27 Next Generation 911 Expenses Grant our initial ask was for 1.3 million dollars. This was to cover the cost of the radio consoles for the Alton and Wood River PSAPs, as well as the purchase and upgrade of the recorders for the PSAPs. On Tuesday, March 31st, I received an email from ISP 911 Senior Advisor, Cindy Barbara-Brelle, that the radio consoles were again not eligible for grant reimbursement. We have attempted many times to get a portion of this expense reimbursed, however since neither console was directly tied to consolidation, nor stated that it was an eligible expense for the Next Generation Grant, we have been denied. Regarding the recorders, we initially applied for over $333,000.00 in grant reimbursement to cover the cost of the project. After discussions were had with the SAO about FOIA liability that may come to the ETSB if we purchased a recorder for this office, it was decided that the purchase would be removed as it was cause more issues that it would solve. With that being said, the cost of the project went down to a little over $295,000.00. After receiving clarification from Cindy regarding items that were not eligible for reimbursement, $48,443.55 worth, our award from the grant is $247,153.95. While I am disappointed that we were unsuccessful in getting reimbursement on the console radios, I do believe that the expense paid by the ETSB was worthwhile. I also believe that will only increase interoperability between the PSAPs, as the Starcom 21 Project is doing with the field units. Lastly, even though the full amount of the recorder project was not funded, only paying $48,000.00 for 5 brand new state-of-the-art recorders, and

upgrading 2 recorders to state-of-the-art specs, is a bargain. This will set up the PSAPs to have a solid recording solution for the next several years.

2. Travel Request
    a. Chairman Petrokovich asked for a motion to approve the travel request to the Esri User Conference.
        i. **There was motion by Ms. Duff for the travel request to the Esri User Conference. The motion was seconded by Mr. Well. Roll call was taken and all voted Aye.**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Petrokovich talks about the ETSB starting a scholarship to send one telecommunicator to the IPSTA Conference in October. He provides details regarding the conference and how beneficial it will be for that telecommunicator to attend and what they would be learning.

Chairman Petrokovich asked for a motion to approve and create the Madison County ETSB IPSTA Scholarship.

**There was a motion by Ms. Duff to approve and create the Madison County ETSB IPSTA Scholarship. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prange. Roll call was taken and all voted Aye.**

## CLOSED SESSION

(Closed Session, if necessary, for any lawful exemption pursuant to Section 2(c) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act)

## ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Petrokovich mentions that he will be absent next ETSB meeting along with Mr. Pulido as he is at a training.

Chairman Petrokovich asked for a motion to adjourn.

**There was a motion to be adjourned by Ms. Duff. The motion was seconded by Mr. Well. All voted Aye, with the meeting adjourning at 9:29 a.m.**

**THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED ETSB MEETING IS:**

**May 28, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.**

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