

**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD
MADISON COUNTY, IL
Location: 101 E. Edwardsville Rd, Wood River, IL
Minutes of E.T.S.B. Meeting
March 27, 2025**

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Joe Petrokovich	PSAP Manager, Wood River Police Department
Scott Prange	Citizen Member
Ralph Well	Retired Glen Carbon Fire Chief
Brendon McKee	Fire Chief, Edwardsville Fire Department
Marcos Pulido	Chief Deputy, Madison County Sheriff Police
Donald McMaster	Elected Official
Ellar Duff	Citizen Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

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 March 27, 2025.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Coordinator Weber welcomes the new board members Donald McMaster and Marcos

Pulido.

MINUTES

Chairman Petrokovich asked for action on the February 27, 2025, minutes.

There was a motion by Mr. Pulido to approve the minutes. Mr. McKee seconded the motion. Roll call was taken, and all voted Aye.

PURCHASE APPROVELS

Chairman Petrovich asked for action of the Claims/ Purchase Order Recommendations Report.

There was a motion by Ms. Duff for the Claims/Purchase Order Recommendations report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prange. Roll call was taken, and all voted Aye.

PURCHASE REQUEST

Coordinator Weber gave information on the Lawman Renewal Software, Maintenance and Support services that is paid yearly.

There was a motion by Mr. Well on the approval of the Lawman Renewal Software, Maintenance and Support services. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pulido. Roll call was taken and all voted Aye, while Chairman Petrokovich abstained.

Coordinator Weber gave information on the St. Jacob Fire Protection District Reimbursement from the consolidation grant.

There was a motion by Ms. Duff to approve the St. Jacob Fire Protection District Reimbursement. The motion was seconded by Mr. McKee. Roll call was taken and all voted Aye, while Mr. Prange abstained.

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

Coordinator Weber gave information on the Highland-Pierron Fire Department Reimbursement from the consolidation grant.

There was a motion by Mr. Well to approve the Highland-Pierron Fire Department Reimbursement. The motion was seconded by Mr. McKee. Roll call was taken and all voted Aye.

STAFF REPORT

1. Coordinators Report

- a. **9-1-1 Goes to Washington.** I wanted to give the Board an update on my trip to Washington DC, representing Illinois and Madison County. I, and Mr. James Hengehold, of the Edwardsville PSAP, attended this conference and were able to make connections with others across the state and the nation. During our trip, we attended informational sessions which talked about how things are moving in Washington, and where we are headed into the future. We met with our legislators Representative Nikki Budzinski, Representative Mary Miller, and Senator Tammy Duckworth's staff. During these meetings we talked about funding for Next Generation 911 across the nation. We in Illinois are lucky to currently have NG-911, however, to get there, it was paid for by 911 surcharge money. Money that was meant to go to the various ETSBs. Our suggestion for Illinois was to have the federal funding reimburse the state on what was spent, and have it distributed down to the ETSBs. Which will allow us to provide more equipment, training, and potentially personnel to the PSAPs. We also spoke about the reclassification of Telecommunicators from secretarial staff to first responders. This would require no money to change the law and has somewhat been done already in Illinois. However, it would provide for better mental health services to our Telecommunicators. Classified first responders, are provided with these services currently as they are exposed to the visual, physical, and psychological trauma daily. Telecommunicators are exposed to these same types of traumas, just in a different way. One no worse than the other. We just wanted to make sure that these legislators know what our people are exposed to daily, to provide a better working environment for them, and prolong their careers. It was a great experience speaking with them and with our colleagues across the country. It was enlightening and we hope we made a difference to our lawmakers. Also, on April 29th, I will be heading to Springfield for 9-1-1 Goes to Springfield. During that time, fellow coordinators, and PSAP Managers from across the State will be meeting with our legislators to discuss increasing the amount of surcharge that is assessed on telephone bills. Currently, it is \$1.50 per line, per month. As we all know, that doesn't go as far as it used to. With the increase costs on service lines, and equipment over the years, we are hoping to enact this increase in the coming years.
- b. **Radio Project.** All equipment for the Countywide Radio Project is in. All mobile radios, portable radios, antennas, chargers, and microphones have been delivered. Some are located here at the 9-1-1 Office, while others are located at Datatronics. I had a very good meeting with roughly 25 fire department representatives on March 6th. They were mainly the department members from the rural departments that have volunteer or paid on call members that cannot make the meetings during the day. We had a great discussion, and they were provided with information on where we currently are on the project, and what the next steps are. We are also starting to receive more programming lists from the various agencies, which is great news. Programming on the radios will start sometime in the near future. Currently, we are in the process of programming pagers. Cory Heuchert and members of the Beck Tech team (who we purchased the pagers from) have made some headway in the programming. After getting some documentation together from the County, we can start issuing the pagers to the various fire departments.
- c. **Grants.** We received our grant award of \$1,121,778.08, for the FY25 Consolidation Grant. To be honest, not exactly what we wanted, however we were awarded a little over 68% of the money spent on each of the items we submitted. This will allow us to reimburse the Highland Pierron Fire Department as well as the St. Jacob Fire Protect District, which was mentioned earlier. And as a reminder, we applied for the FY26 Consolidation Grant for the Pontoon Beach to Glen Carbon consolidation, as well as submitted the consoles for Alton and Wood River PSAPs to be paid for. We are currently looking into a grant for AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillator) for our ETSB vehicles. With the new striping done, our vehicles are much more visible than before. With that, the likelihood of our staff being flagged down, or being in the vicinity of an emergency, has grown. I want to make sure that we all have the necessary tools and training needed during a medical

emergency, hence the want to add AEDs. These devices are expensive; however, they have saved countless lives. Adding these to our vehicles just makes us more prepared in the event of an emergency. In the meantime, I am working with Tonya, our Training Administrator, checking into training for CPR and AED so that we are all able to use the devices. Additionally, masks and gloves have been added to our vehicles.

- d. **School Mapping Project.** Again, I want to thank Rob and the team at WIU for tackling this major project. We have started to get floor plan data back from WIU. Our plan will be to present this data to the prospective police and fire departments for their review prior to installation on the 9-1-1 call handling equipment. The reason behind this is to ensure that we have the most up-to-date and accurate information possible. All data submitted was done by the school themselves. Having public safety review these floor plans to ensure proper AED locations, fire extinguisher locations, emergency shut off locations and so on will only help our Telecommunicators aid first responders to correct location during an emergency.
 - e. **Legislation Changes.** The State is currently considering changes to the Emergency Telephone System Act. Some are minor changes, definition updates, and the removal of the move to NG-911, since we are currently there. Some of the biggest changes are coming in the form of the Administrative Rules, which dictate the operations of the 911 Authorities. Most of these changes have good intentions, such as training updates and GIS mandates. Our goal regarding the proposed changes is to not only comply with current statutes, but to ensure that we have local control when it comes to the expenditures of surcharge money and do what is best for Madison County. We will have several meetings on this topic, and I understand that this is vague information at this point, but when I have more concrete information, I will present that to the board.
2. Consolidation Report
- a. Coordinator Weber informed the board that we are no longer required by the State 9-1-1 Administrator to provide a consolidation report, as this project has been completed.
3. Travel Request
- a. None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

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

- a. None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Petrokovich asked for a motion to adjourn.

There was a motion to be adjourned by Ms. Duff. The motion was seconded by Mr. McKee. All voted Aye, with the meeting adjourning at 9:16 a.m.

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED ETSB MEETING IS:

April 24, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

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