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

Minutes of E.T.S.B. Meeting
April 24, 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's Office
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 April 24, 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

Mr. Hursey gave the board an update on the school mapping project.

MINUTES

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

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

PURCHASE REQUEST

Coordinator Weber gave information on the Amended Text-Two-911: Training Room invoice.

There was a motion by Mr. Prange on the approval of the Amended Text-Two-911: Training Room invoice. The motion was seconded by Mr. Well. Roll call was taken and all voted Aye, while Chairman Petrokovich abstained.

Coordinator Weber gave information on the Coordinators' Merit Increase.

There was a motion by Mr. Prange to approve the Coordinators' Merit Increase. The motion was seconded by Mr. Well. Roll call was taken and all voted Aye, while Mr. Prange abstained.

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

Coordinator Weber gave information on the Amended Text-Two-911: PSAP's invoice.

There was a motion by Ms. Duff to approve the Amended Text-Two-911: PSAP's invoice. The motion was seconded by Mr. McKee. Roll call was taken and all voted Aye.

Coordinator Weber gave information on the Department Head Name Change.

There was a motion by Ms. Duff to approve the Department Head Name Change. The

motion was seconded by Mr. McKee. Roll call was taken and all voted Aye.

Coordinator Weber gave information on the Department Head Personnel Policy.

There was a motion by Ms. Duff to approve the Department Head Personnel Policy. 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 Springfield.** Illinois APCO and Illinois NENA have put together a 911 Goes to Springfield event on Tuesday, April 29th, 2025. I along with Caira, Clint, and Tonya from the 911 Office, and Andrea Lindhour (Collinsville PSAP), Jamse Hendgehold (Edwardsville PSAP), and Capt. Cale Becker (Madison County Sheriff's PSAP) will be heading to Springfield to meet with our legislators to discuss funding for 911 on the State level. Currently, a $1.50 surcharge is placed on residential, commercial and wireless phone bills to support the 911 system, statewide. With the increase in costs for equipment, training, personnel, connection fees, maintenance agreements, and radio fees, $1.50 does not go as far as it did in 2017 when it is set. During meetings of members for APCO and NENA statewide, which we are members of, it was discussed to lobby for an increase to the surcharge from $1.50 to $2.50. This matches what the City of Chicago is allowed to charge per the current legislation. We felt it only fair that the rest of the State of Illinois be allowed to increase the amount to match. The additional dollars collected, if passed, would allow us, Madison County ETSB, to purchase more equipment for our PSAPs, pay for more training for the Telecommunicators, and ultimately be able to increase our reimbursements of $13.00 per call back to the municipalities that house the PSAPs.

       There is yet to be a sponsor for this bill. Our hopes are that with all of the members from all around the state converging on Springfield, one of us will be able to convince our elected officials to sponsor this legislation. I currently have meetings scheduled with Senator Harriss and Representative Stuart. I also have a call into Representative Elik's Office and am waiting for confirmation of a meeting with her.

       These types of events allow us to work with our elected officials to ensure that we, Madison County, have a seat at the table. I have said it numerous times, but I will continue to say that for far too long we have been on the sidelines, and I made a promise to the Telecommunicators, PSAP Managers, members of this office, and to this Board that we will be involved in effecting change, that that is what we are doing!

    b. **Radio Project.** At the last ETSB Meeting, I discussed documentation that needed to be done to ensure that we and Madison County Administration were abiding by the conditions of use of the ARPA dollars. That is taking a little longer than expected. Not in a bad way, they are just making sure that all of "I's are dotted, and T's are crossed" so to speak before we move forward. Just like with our dollars, the use of ARPA funds need to documented and that is what the Auditor and Administration are doing. I want to specifically thank Eric Decker for his help in providing documentation to the County and Ernst and Young, the accounting firm overseeing this process. He has been a great help, and I sincerely appreciate the work he has done and continues to do to move this project forward.

2. Travel Request
    a. It was my vision when I was graciously appointed to this position, again to increase our

involvement in activities, locally, statewide, and nationally. In years past, members of this office attended national conferences to gain knowledge of the ever-changing technologies and best practices around the country. That fell by the wayside, for one reason or another. Due to the past and current members of this board being so fiscally responsible, that reflects within our funds. Having said that, that allowed me to increase the line item for travel and conference attendance within our budget. It is my intent, baring any massive reduction to our funds, that one or twice a year, depending on the conference, that we send someone from this office to these types of conferences. With all that said, Ms. Tonya Beasley came to me requesting to attend the National NENA Conference in Long Beach, California, in June of this year. These types of conference bring in members of NENA from all over the country. You gain a unique perspective of emergency communication center operations, gain new insights into the rapidly changing technological environment, and also attend trainings where she can bring back what she learns, and incorporate that into our training program for our local Telecommunicators. The total cost of this trip will be roughly $3000.00, however what you gain from attending far outweighs the cost. I humbly request that the Board approve this travel request.

There was a motion by Ms. Duff to approve the Travel Request for T. Beasley. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pulido. Roll call was taken and all voted Aye.

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. McMaster. All voted Aye, with the meeting adjourning at 9:16 a.m.

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED ETSB MEETING IS:

May 22, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

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