



# McLean County 911 Communications Center

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## ETSB MEETING MINUTES

January 28, 2020

In Attendance: Chairman Rick Bleichner, Members Nichol Bleichner, Eric Klingele, Lee Klintworth, Jon Sandage, Jeff Showalter, Tom Willan, Tony Cannon

Others: Brandon Lacey

Chairman Rick Bleichner called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

### **Opening Remarks:**

Chairman Bleichner welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2020.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the November 26, 2019 meeting were presented. Having no questions on the minutes, Lee Klintworth motioned to approve the minutes, and Jon Sandage seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion was carried.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Nov/Dec 2019 Financial Report: Lee Klintworth presented the treasurer's report. He stated this is not the final report for 2019. He reported year to date expenses are \$1,668,353.65 with current fund balance of \$3,033,648.33. He stated the budget is at 86%. He added the surcharges are at 104%. Having no questions on the treasurer's report, Jon Sandage motioned to approve the treasurer's report, and Nichol Bleichner seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion was carried.

### **Coordinator's Report:**

Items for Information:

Status Report: There was nothing out of the ordinary to report.

Error Reports: The reports were included in the packet.

CAD Reports: These reports were included in the packet.

Call Stats: These reports for Metcom and Bloomington were included in the packet. End-of-year reports were also included in the packet.

There were no questions on these reports.

Other:

Director Cannon stated we have not received an action report from Frontier after our last issues in December. We have requested them a couple of times. We have moved forward with investigating other companies for providing 911 core services for McLean County. We will need to have an action item to approve this once we pick a new provider, then will have to submit a modification to the state of Illinois to make a request for the change. We hope to have more information for the next meeting to move forward.

Director Cannon reported that Metcom is in the hiring process, have conducted some testing, and are ready to start some interviews. He noted that we are not alone, as many other centers are hiring also. He stated we have two open positions, and rumor that we may be losing another to another position in the county soon.

**Old Business:**

Items for Information: Nothing to report.

**New Business:**

Items for Action:

- a) Approval to purchase MEVO devices as backup for 911 call handling – Director Cannon stated he is requesting approval to purchase the MEVO backup system for both the Metcom and Bloomington PSAP's. This is a stand-alone device that is put at the consoles that once a switch is made to the call routing service we can get the 9-1-1 calls routed to those MEVO devices. He stated a full overview of the product is included in the meeting packet. He stated the quoted cost is \$33,000, and will provide us with 7 phones to utilize at both PSAP's, (4 at Metcom, 3 at Bloomington). After a brief discussion, Jon Sandage motioned to approve the purchase, and Nikki Bleichner seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion was carried.
  
- b) Approval to apply for the State of Illinois 911 reimbursement grant for upgrading our existing 911 call handling equipment and NICE recording equipment – Director Cannon is requesting approval to apply for the State of Illinois 911 reimbursement grant, which will reimburse ETSB for expenditures that will upgrade our current 911 call handling equipment (the NICE logging equipment). This will also cover any one-time transition fees that we may incur if we choose to change our CORE Services provider. He stated this grant will not be award until sometime in June, if we get selected once we submit our application. He stated a list of some of the items we would like to include in this grant request is included in the packet. He added we are basically looking at the upgrade to the current call handling equipment. The grant would include any fees that are included in that upgrade, hardware and software upgrades, the addition of text to 911, and Rapid SOS. The exact dollar amounts are unknown at this time. And we are not sure if we will be awarded this grant, although our confidence level is very high. Brandon Lacey added if approved, there will be grant acceptance form later that will also need to be signed. After brief discussions, Lee Klintworth motioned to approve the application request, and Tom Willan seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion was carried.

Items for Information:

a) Next Meeting – Chairman Bleichner reported the next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2020.

b) Notice of Elections to be held in March – Chairman Bleichner reported the next meeting will include Election of Officers.

**Board Member Comments:** There was nothing to report.

Having nothing further to discuss, Chairman Bleichner adjourned the meeting at 3:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Patsy Mayer, Recording Secretary  
May 19, 2020

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Rick Bleichner, Chairman