

**MENARD COUNTY  
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEMS BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES  
April 17, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Menard County ETSB was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: John Balster, Jason Huffman, Pat Rebbe, Mike Burg, Karen Boensel, Mike Chandler and Ben Hollis

Absent: Bob Lott, Ken Yocom, George Castles, Dave King and Jeremy Foulk

**BOARD MINUTES**

- A motion to accept the consent agenda of the April 17, 2017, ETSB regular meeting was made by Jason Huffman and seconded by Ben Hollis. All aye. Motion carried unanimously.
- A motion to accept the minutes of March 20, 2017, ETSB regular meeting was made by Ben Hollis and seconded by Mike Burg. All aye. Motion carried unanimously.
- A motion to accept the financial reports as presented was made by Jason Huffman and seconded by Ben Hollis. All aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**911 COORDINATOR REPORT**

- John hopes we make it until the new radio system is installed. It all crashed with a call the console and all went down. Jason Huffman took care of the medical while others were responding to the next calls. The new system will be installed by May 22, 2017. Ben Hollis feels everything should be workable until then.
- Bracket pieces from Watson were installed and the invoice was only \$733.20.
- A discussion was had on the information gathered by Ben Hollis concerning the replacement of the Dispatch office chairs. Two different options were discussed and a motion to approve \$1,201.20 per chair for the purchase of two plus shipping and handling with a total amount of \$2,562.40 was made by Karen Boensel and seconded by Jason Huffman. All aye. Motion carried unanimously. The replacement of two other chairs for the backup will be discussed next meeting.

**PSAP UPDATE**

- Cad has been updated and working well. The call numbers for this time period will be

sent at a later date.

- Ben Hollis attended the NG911 meeting and was impressed with the information received, what NG911 was, and intermingling with other 911 associates. Video calling was one of the discussions and everyone was concerned how each entity would pay for this technology. Everyone agrees with texting instead due to the financial end of it at this point in time.
- The webinar that was held was not informational and a waste of time.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A discussion on what the special committee found on Cass County 911. It appears they have taken over Beardstown and charge them \$80,000 annually for all handling of dispatch. The financials reviewed are not as good as they appear.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- We need to educate Menard County residents about 911 and investigate applying for grants to help with this education.

#### **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

- None

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES REPORT**

- A special committee of Bob Lott and Dave King was absent so no report was given.

#### **ADJOURN**

- A motion to adjourn was made by Jason Huffman and seconded by Mike Burg. All aye. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be held on May 15, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Menard County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Boensel  
Secretary/Board Member