

Menard County ESTB Meeting
11/18/24 6:00pm
Menard County Courthouse

Members present: Mike Chandler, Ben Hollis, Ron Cooley, Dave King, Daniel Schirding, Mike Burg, Chris Henderson

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Chairman Chandler.

Chairman Chandler presented the consent agenda. Dave King moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ron Cooley. All present voted in favor – motion carried.

Chairman Chandler asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the September 18th meeting, and asked for approval of the minutes of so. Ron Cooley moved to approve minutes, seconded by Mike Burg. All present voted in favor of approving the minutes – motion carried.

Chairman Chandler wanted to note that there was no ETSB meeting held on 10/21 due to the lack of a quorum.

The bids for installing rock around the radio tower sites were reviewed. Wethington Construction provided a bid of \$7,122.54; Nale Lawncare provided a bid of \$7,450; Image Landscaping provided a bid of \$6,214. It was noted by the members that the Image bid did not provide for placing down a weed barrier, and the other two bids did. It was also noted that the Nale bid did not specify the amount of rock to be installed. Members expressed concern over these two bids lacking pertinent information. Ron Cooley moved to approve the Wethington Construction bid. The motion was seconded by Daniel Schirding. All present voted in favor – motion carried.

Chairman Chandler informed the board that Menard County ETSB had been awarded a grant from the State of IL in the amount of \$50,0179.48. These funds are a reimbursement of monies already expended by the ETSB for NG911 costs.

Chairman Chandler presented financial reports for the prior two months and discussed current certificate of deposit rates. Ron Cooley moved to approve the financial reports, and the motion was seconded by Chris Henderson. All present voted in favor – motion carried.

Ben Hollis gave a brief update on the PSAP. Ben said that they are still awaiting the installation of a new UPS (power supply) by GTSI.

Ben Hollis mentioned the need to explore the use of a consultant to determine future radio system needs for Fire/EMS. Mike Burg concurred that a consultant would be a good decision. It was the consensus of the board that Ben and Mike would contact consulting firms and obtain bids for this.

With no other business, Ron Cooley moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:42pm. Dave Kind seconded the motion. All present voted in favor – motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Hollis