

**MINUTES OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY ETS BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2014**

Chairman Mike Ingles called the meeting to order at 4:54 p.m.

Ingles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call showed the following present, Mike Ingles, Al Lindsey, Al Metzke, John Tibbs and Dee Woodburn. Bob Meiner joined the meeting late. Absent were Mike Frickey, William Peterson, Jim Woolford and Joe Stock. Also present were June Slagel, Financial Specialist; Candi Bradshaw and Randy Wittenberg.

Ingles stated the special meeting was called to review the draft budget with hopes of settling on a final budget to be submitted to Ag Zoning Committee next week.

Ingles stated the current meeting time constricts them to one hour and with all that they having going on he isn't comfortable with that time restriction. He would like to suggest they move it to a different date such as the week before committee week. After a short discussion he asked Bradshaw to send e-mails out to the other board members to see if the last Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. would work for them.

Ingles stated he asked June to come to the meeting and he asked Bradshaw and Wittenberg to make a sheet of budget line items stating what was in each account number. June explained how she made her budget sheets and compilation sheet. They began with the 911 budget and then followed with the wireless and dispatch budgets. The board went through all of the line items. Questions were asked on many of the line items within the three budgets. Bradshaw and Wittenberg answered their questions, explained why they needed amounts in some of those line items along with stating what expenses were within the union contracts and had to remain in the budgets. The high telephone costs were discussed and Bradshaw stated the

amount we pay out each month is greater than what we bring in and with land lines decreasing it will continue to go that direction. It was decided that Bradshaw would get in touch with their Frontier representative to set up a meeting to discuss what services we are paying for and if we can cut those costs. Bradshaw, Wittenberg along with Meiner will meet with them. When they got to the office supplies expense line Ingles asked that they contact RK Dixon to discuss the cost of leasing a copier with a maintenance agreement and see how that compares to what we have now. Looking at LED fixtures in the future was also brought up by Tibbs. Also the board chose to take out the "other supplies" line item from budget. The line item for attorney fees was discussed and depending on June and Wittenberg finding out what was spent on contract negotiations, this line item could be reduced.

A motion was made to approve the 2015 budget as reviewed and forward it on to Ag and Zoning next week was made by Lindsey with a second by Tibbs. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Closing comments from the public – June found the amount which had been paid for legal fees for negotiations and since contracts will not be due for two years Wittenberg stated they could lower that amount to \$2500.00. Wittenberg stated he would like to make that change at this time.

A motion was made to amend the budget with the lowering of "Other Prof/Tech Services" (attorney fees) to \$2500.00 was made by Tibbs with a second from Metzke. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Ingles stated he saw no reason for them to meet again next week. He also stated there would be an e-mail going out to board members to see about changing their meeting date to the last Tuesday of the month. Ingles stated depending on the response from the e-mails about changing the dates of their meetings they would probably have to have a special meeting to adopt the new schedule.

A motion to cancel next Tuesday's board meeting due to having approved the budget and there being no business needed to be conducted next week was made by Meiner with a second by Lindsey. A voice vote was unanimous.

Closing comments from chairman and board members - None.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Lindsey with a second by Tibbs. Voice vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Candi Bradshaw *Candi Bradshaw*