

AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2015 MEETING

The committee chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm at the Livingston County Historic Courthouse, 112 W. Madison St., Pontiac, Illinois and roll call was taken.

Present: Bill Flott, Bob Young, James Carley, Justin Goembel, Daryl Holt and Bill Peterson

Absent: Paul Ritter.

Additional County Reps: County Administrative Resource Specialist Alina Hartley, Non-Committee County Board Members Mike Ingles, John Yoder and Mark Runyon and State's Attorney Seth Uphoff. ETSB member Jim Woolford was also present.

Committee Chair Flott noted the agenda, remarking that Business item b. Letter of Intent with Streator would not be officially reviewed at this meeting and can be removed from the agenda. Daryl Holt then moved, seconded by Bill Peterson, that the agenda for this meeting be approved as amended. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Mr. Flott related that a meeting earlier this afternoon Jim Woolford, Pontiac Police Chief, was selected as the new chair of the ETSB.

Then Livingston County State's Attorney Seth Uphoff related that it is being worked on to complete the proper paperwork for Streator to become a new entity served by LivCom. New state regulations are to take place, in part how the ICC addresses changes, to emergency telephone systems. All involved are working to have a smooth transition of this matter completed by the end of the year. Mr. Uphoff explained that he has been working with an attorney representing the City of Streator that would allow for Streator to become part of the Livingston County ETSB. Mr. Uphoff then explained the make-up of the ETSB and he related as to how this structure may be altered to give the City of Streator a representative on the ETSB, as Pontiac, Dwight, Fairbury and Livingston County are represented on the ETSB.

Mr. Uphoff reviewed the draft of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Streator pertaining to this matter, of which the committee members had previously been provided a copy. In regard to Section 3.3 of this document Mr. Uphoff remarked that it is the intention that the City of Streator is to have only one representative on the ETSB. Payments that the City of Streator would provide for this service are to start when the City of Streator begins using this system.

Since the City of Streator was the backup for LivCom, LivCom will now need to have an agreement with another entity to serve as their new backup. So a proposal is being made to have MetCom in McLean County, serve as the backup for LivCom in Livingston County.

Potential future changes in 911 systems were the discussed. LivCom, Livingston County ETSB, and future costs were discussed. Mike Ingles, county board member and the most recent chair of the ETSB, addressed the recent LivCom upgrades, and he then related how representatives of the ETSB and the LivCom administrative staff are working on a five year budget plan, with the intent to have multiple entities to contribute to the ongoing operations costs. It was noted that Livingston County does provide several services to the LivCom, including payroll, state's attorney's legal advice, audits, their building space, insurance and IMRF. Mr. Ingles related that the budget planning taking place includes discussions of plans to make LivCom/ETSB more self-sufficient. New ETSB chair Jim Woolford agreed that smart planning is needed pertaining to future budgeting. A brief discussion then took place regarding how the existing LivCom space would allow for expansion, if more consolidation of 911 systems takes place.

Bob Young moved, seconded by Bill Peterson, that this Agriculture, Zoning and Emergency Services committee recommend to the Livingston County Board that the Livingston County enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Streator, with LivCom /Livingston County ETSB providing 911 services to the City of Streator. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Daryl Holt moved, seconded by Justin Goembel, that this Agriculture, Zoning and Emergency Services committee recommend to the Livingston County Board that the LivCom / Livingston County ETSB enter into an agreement with MetCom /McLean County to have MetCom / McLean County serve as a backup center to LivCom /Livingston County. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee: None

Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

Then Justin Goembel moved, seconded by James Carley, that this meeting be adjourned. This motion was approved unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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Charles T. Schopp, Administrator  
Livingston County Regional  
Planning Commission