

**MINUTES OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY ETS BOARD  
MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2013**

Chairman Tim Henson called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Roll call showed the following present: Henson, Cindy Knight, John McGlasson, Marty Meredith, Jeremy Stoller, Jack Wiser and Jim Woolford. Absent were Joe Stock and Judy Campbell. Also present were Gary Swartz of Saunemin Fire; Chad Brown of Dwight Fire; County Board members Carl Borngasser, Kelly Cochran Cohlman, Randy Wittenberg and Mike Ingles; Linda Daniels, County H.R.; Candi Bradshaw and Lyle Wilson.

Henson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Meredith, second by McGlasson to approve the February 19 minutes. Voice vote was unanimous.

Motion by Woolford, second by Stoller to approve the February financial reports. Roll call was unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

a. Wilson said after we approved the Lyons Bros. quote for the split cooling unit for the equipment room, when they ordered it they were informed by Lennox they were no longer making them for whatever reason. They have offered a unit made by Fujitsu that will offer the same features as the Lennox would have. They have installed these units before and said they are reliable and have a better warranty. Woolford made a motion, second by Wiser to accept the Fujitsu unit from Lyons Bros. for \$220 more which will be split with county. Roll call was all ayes except for Meredith voting no.

b. Henson said we still need to have a meeting to discuss the tc concerns over a time clock. He will try to schedule one before the next board

meeting. The clock is installed but without a county IT person, he doesn't know when it will be programmed.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- a. To be reported under Personnel report
- b. Henson welcomed new board member Chad Brown of Dwight Fire Dept. to the board. He is observing today and will be a voting member next month after he signs some paperwork.

#### 911COORDINATOR REPORT:

Bradshaw said INENA and other organizations were asking for ETS Boards to support HB3073 which would leave the wireless surcharge at 73 cents but would give more to the PSAPs than the current 57 cents. She asked for our members and county board to go online and support this.

We received a check for \$31,837.92 from the insurance company for the lightning damage at Odell tower. All bills were paid and the \$1000 deductible was withheld.

MANAGER OF COMMUNICATIONS: No report.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance-Chairperson Knight said she is hearing several EMS agencies in the county are struggling to keep their ambulances in service. There could be some reorganization if any do fail and this will impact the dispatch fees also. As soon as the information is all gathered there will be meetings to discuss the future funding of dispatch.

Personnel-Chairman Wiser said some interviews were held with some tc applicants and one has just been hired and some others were going through background checks, etc. He also said he, Linda Daniels and Mike Ingles interviewed three MOC applicants. Their recommendation is to hire Randy Wittenberg. Motion by Meredith, second by Woolford to hire Wittenberg pending successful completion of all pre employment testing we have in place. Roll call was unanimous. Wiser thanked Linda Daniels for all her assistance the last six weeks with interviews, etc. Meredith and Henson said they would like the board to thank Kevin Rakoczy for stepping up and helping get through the day to day business as Interim MOC. This will be done at the next meeting. Also Wiser said he was told the arms that hold the monitors at each console are breaking as they are made of pot metal. He said



this is a safety hazard and needs taken care of right away . Henson said we need to move on this right away before someone gets hurt or we lose some monitors from falling. McGlasson made a motion, second by Meredith to authorize Bradshaw and Wittenberg to move on replacing these arms as soon as possible. Roll call was unanimous.

Public Safety–No report

Technical–No report

In closing public comments, Mike Ingles thanked Henson for his cooperation in working on the new agreement and for getting a MOC hired. He also urged everyone to write letters and support HB1212 which raises the wireless surcharge to \$1.00 per phone.

Meredith made a motion, second by Stoller, to go to Executive Session to review minutes. Roll call was unanimous except McGlasson who asked to be excused. Regular meeting was temporarily suspended at 10:33.

The regular meeting resumed at 10:58. In Executive Session the following minutes were read with the following results: 12-12-2000 were read and advised to reseal. The following were read and advised to leave open: 5-18-10, 7-20-10, 8-17-10, 12-21-10, 2-15-11, 5-24-11, 7-19-11, 9-20-11, 3-20-12, 6-12-12, 7-17-12, 8-21-12 and 9-18-12. Wiser made a motion, second by Meredith to approve the above action. Roll call was unanimous.

In closing board comments, Wiser welcomed Chad Brown as a new member of the board. Henson said Wilson has submitted his retirement letter effective March 22. Henson has talked to him and has asked him if he would consider reduced hours for a month at a time until Wittenberg is more familiar with his job and take some extra work off of Bradshaw while she does some of the training of Wittenberg. Wilson has agreed to one month at a time. Henson said he is still working with Ingles and the state's attorney to come to an agreement on the draft of a written agreement. One hang up is chain of command and he is insisting Bradshaw and Wittenberg are equal but with obvious different duties. If an Office Administrator/Secretary is hired, that person falls under Bradshaw.

There being no further business, Meredith made a motion to adjourn with a second by Woolford. Meeting adjourn at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Wilson, Secretary *Lyle Wilson*