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**MINUTES OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY E.T.S. BOARD  
MEETING OF JULY 17, 2012**

Chairman John Cummins called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Cummins introduced Chief Tim Henson of Dwight as a new board member.

Roll call was taken with John Cummins, Carl Borngasser, Tim Henson, Cindy Knight, Marty Meredith and Joe Stock present. Absent were Jeremy Stoller and Jack Wiser. Also present were Jim Degenhart of Ragan Communications, Tom Blakeman, Candi Bradshaw, Kevin Rakoczy and Lyle Wilson.

Cummins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The elections for the next year were held with Meredith nominating John Cummins as chairman and a second by Stock. Nominations were closed and a vote was unanimous. Meredith nominated Stock to serve as vice-chairman with a second by Borngasser. Nominations were closed and a vote was unanimous. Cummins then reappointed Wilson as board secretary for the next year.

Motion by Borngasser, second by Meredith to approve the June minutes. Voice vote was unanimous.

Motion by Henson, second by Meredith to approve the June financial reports. Roll call vote was unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

a. The newest draft of an agreement was in the packets. Cummins asked all to review the document and that there would be a meeting of a committee of the whole in early August to discuss it.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Cummins went over the changes in committees for the next year, and all were in agreement with their respective committee assignments.
- b. Jim Degenhart of Ragan Communications said as they begin putting all the new radios in service they would like to move all of the below 400 hz tones to above it. The manufacturers have made many changes in tone groups which can create problems hearing even at short range. A lot of paging range will be lost by paging below 400 hz. There is much concern about what problems will surface when narrowbanding is turned on in September. This information will be brought up at the MABAS meeting July 19 and a technical committee will be scheduled in August.

COORDINATOR OF 911 REPORT: No additional information

MANAGER OF COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Rakoczy went into detail about all the interference problems that have occurred in the last month. He and Ragan Communications spent many hours tracking interference signals that were riding over our signals and creating many problems. They were finally traced down to a grain elevator north of Princeton and a grain elevator in Cullom. Both businesses said they would pay for all the expense involved by having to use Ragan. There are still problems with the Chatsworth tower which is being worked on, to find the problem there. Also, the new Odell tower was hit by lightning several weeks ago and repairs are ongoing there. The temperature in the Fairbury tower building has been as high as 125 degrees lately and there is concern for our equipment not working properly or failing in that kind of heat. This is not our tower so discussion was held on that situation.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building-Chairman Meredith said the skylight has been tinted in the dispatch room. Bradshaw said there is a huge difference in the temperature and almost no glare at all and the TC's are happy with it.

Finance-Chairman Borngasser said a meeting will be scheduled soon to start the budget process.

Personnel-No report

Public Safety-No report

Technical-Chairman Stock said a meeting will be scheduled soon to discuss tone changes and some other issues.

Motion by Stock, second by Henson to go to Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining agreement. Roll call unanimous. Regular meeting suspended at 11:08 a.m.

The regular meeting resumed at 11:28 a.m.

In action resulting from the Executive Session, motion by Meredith, second by Henson to accept the proposed contract for the TC's and authorize the chairman and secretary to sign the agreement. Roll call was unanimous.

There were no closing comments by anyone present.

Motion by Meredith, second by Stock to adjourn. Meeting adjourn at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Wilson, Secretary Lyle Wilson