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**MINUTES OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY ETS BOARD
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2012**

Vice-Chairman Joe Stock called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Roll call showed the following present: Joe Stock, Carl Borngasser, Tim Henson and Jack Wiser. Cindy Knight arrived at 10:10 and Jeremy Stoller arrived at 10:14. Marty Meredith was absent. Also present were Kevin Rakoczy and Lyle Wilson.

Stock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wiser made a motion to go to Executive Session to discuss personnel. Henson seconded the motion. Roll call was unanimous. Executive Session began at 10:03 a.m.

The regular meeting resumed at 10:09 a.m. In action from the executive session, Stock has declined to move up to chairman. Henson made a motion to elect Borngasser board chairman to replace John Cummins who has resigned. Wiser seconded the motion and roll call was unanimous. Borngasser will begin his duties after this meeting.

Motion by Borngasser, second by Henson to approve August minutes. Voice vote unanimous.

Motion by Henson, second by Borngasser to approve August financial reports. Roll call unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. There is nothing new to report on the county agreement at this time, however work is progressing on it.

b. Rakoczy said Ragan is almost done with his work with narrow banding. He has been doing test pages and the most notable problem is weaker signals and that is due to the narrow bands and was expected. He reminded everyone they must speak directly into their lapel mikes or not be heard. He said there is a county disaster drill scheduled at Caterpillar the 19th and many county agencies are involved.

c. Rakoczy has had communication with Wheeler concerning the possible purchase of the Fairbury tower. The price Wheeler wants is quite a bit higher than the board feels it is worth. There was discussion concerning not having to rent the towers we use. It was discussed looking into getting some prices on a new tower to consider building and to look more at this project at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Borngasser said we should vote to give the non union employees a 1% retro raise to coincide with the county's vote to do the same for their non union staff people. Stoller made that motion, second by Wiser. Roll call was unanimous. Borngasser also said the budget is ready for a vote. Much discussion has been held concerning the amount of income lost when the dispatch fees were frozen at the 2005 rate over five years ago. We have lost roughly \$300,000 in depreciation charge off and cash according to the auditors over the past two years plus this year's loss. It has been suggested to put in a 10% user fee increase to recoup some of our losses from that freeze and build up the depreciation reserve for equipment replacement. After a very long discussion, Henson made a motion, second by Knight, to approve a 10% increase in dispatch user fees, subject to obtaining new agreements covering the new amounts, and a way for future increases similar to the original dispatch agreements. Roll call was unanimous. The 2013 budget was presented as written after some revises by staff. Borngasser made a motion, second by Stoller to approve the FY 2013 budgets as prepared with a 10% increase in user fee income and also the budget showing \$50,000 going into depreciation accounts. Roll call was unanimous.

COORDINATOR OF 911 REPORT:

Wilson, speaking for Bradshaw, reminded everyone of the state NENA Conference in October. One day, October 23, is set aside for "Roles & Responsibilities of the ETS Board". Anyone interested in going should contact her asap. No other additional information from her report.

MANAGER OF COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:

One of the two current trainees is due to be released on his own after the next two weeks. This will take much pressure off the telecommunicators by reducing the overtime. The other trainee is moving along well in training. After both of the trainees are on their own, another TC will be hired from the current list of six. No other additional information from his report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building– No report
Finance– No report
Personnel– No report
Public Safety– No report
Technical– No report

There being no further comments from anyone present, Henson made a motion, second by Stoller to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourn at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Wilson, secretary Lyle Wilson