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**MINUTES OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY ETS BOARD  
MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2014**

Chairman Mike Ingles called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll call showed the following present, Mike Ingles, Al Metzke, Al Lindsey, Bob Meiner, Dee Woodburn, and John Tibbs. Absent were John McGlasson, Tina Diemer, Mike Frickey, and Jim Woolford. Also present were Marty Fannin, Livingston County Board Chairman; William Mays, Livingston County Board; William Peterson, Livingston County Board; Bob Young, Livingston County Board; Kathy Arbogast, Livingston County Board; Carolyn Gerwin, Livingston County Board; Barb Sear, Livingston County Treasurer; Alina Hartley, Administrative Resource Specialist; June Slagel, Financial Specialist; Lloyd Ritchey, Supreme Radio Communications; Dave Landers, Star Com; David Slagel, Citizen; Candi Bradshaw and Randy Wittenberg.

Ingles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Tibbs with a second by Metzke to approve the February 18<sup>th</sup> & February 25<sup>th</sup> board minutes as amended. Voice vote was unanimous.

Ingles stated the financial reports have been distributed and he asked members to watch them carefully. He also stated he didn't want to spend a lot of time during this part of the meeting due to having guests we need to hear from. He stated as time allows they will discuss them later in the meeting.

Lindsey introduced Dave Landers from Star Com 21 and Lloyd Ritchey with Supreme Communications. He said Dave Landers would be giving the board an over view of Star Com 21.

Mr. Landers gave the history of the IP based network system. He stated it was a state contract and discussed how it was designed for public safety.

He discussed the mobile and portable coverage requirements Star Com 21 had to meet. They did some portable testing within Livingston County and Wittenberg stated a few of the areas which have little to no coverage at this time, were found to have coverage during the testing of this system. He stated they also tested in some schools and the results were encouraging.

Recent and future narrow banding was discussed along with what options are available. He explained how most of all the state agencies are on the Star Com 21 network and what other counties are looking at this system.

A discussion was held about the issues fire departments have had because Star Com 21 does not do paging. Several options were offered to solve this issue and several questions were asked and answered.

Landers went through several grants that were made available in the past and ones that may be available in the future. He also mentioned the Motorola Credit Corp which offers tax exempt government lease plans for financing. He explained them.

He explained what equipment and system requirement information he has already collected from Lindsey and Wittenberg. He stated they also need information on equipment and systems requirements from the other agencies within the county. He said once they get all this information they will finalize a proposal and deliver it to the county.

It was then opened up to a question and answer time. It was discussed that there would be a monthly fee for every portable, mobile, etc. Landers stated the state contract's monthly fee's was negotiated for 10 years and there was about 8 ½ years left on the contract at this time. He explained the rate categories for different agencies.

Ingles suggested that Lindsey and Wittenberg coordinate another meeting with Landers and the other agencies to get them the information they need soon.

Ingles thanked the two guests for their presentation.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Ingles stated Bradshaw sent out a schedule of the meeting dates for 2014 and it is now set. He stated she also sent out a new list of ETSB Members.



## NEW BUSINESS:

- a. A discussion was held on the possible changes to the ETS Board in the near future. He also stated County Board Chairman Fannin had a reason for the way he assigned members to the ETSB and agreed it was a good one. He stated it was done by geographic diversity, having members from each of the 3 districts.

COORDINATORS REPORT: Bradshaw reported she had a new project she received from ICC. She stated it was a report for the 911 Advisory Board which the Governor appointed and this board is to gather information (expenses & revenues) from all the PSAPs / 911 Centers to see what kind of funding they need be adequately run now and in the future. Bradshaw stated this is to be returned to the ICC by March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Bradshaw stated she had received a request from a Strawn Fire Trustee about running the call box lines from the phone building into their fire department. She stated that she explained to him that he could have this done however he needed to do this on his own because they would have to pay to have this done and there would be a monthly charge for this service. She stated she told him LIV COM could not do this because we are not the ones paying for this service. Bradshaw stated he responded that he thought 911 should pay since they were 911 call box lines. Bradshaw stated other fire departments have done this and they each pay for this service. She asked the board if they were still holding true to each department paying to have lines run into their fire departments. The consensus of the board was to leave it as it has been done with the others.

MANAGER OF COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Nothing brought up.

Ingles stated the Sheriff, Slagel and he sat down briefly and went over some objective budget figures for the next 5 years to try to get a handle on increases for dispatch fees. He stated he will e-mail them to the rest of the board. He stated he is trying to get budget numbers for 5 years which will show the deficit getting larger as we go along unless we increase dispatch fees. He stated the capital expenditures make that a little harder to do. He stated he would get together with the Sheriff and Wittenberg and get back

to Slagel and plug in their best estimates for capital expenditures. He thought by doing this it would help them to calculate a percentage increase in dispatch fees to carry them out for the next five years by possibly using smaller yearly increases instead of one larger increase.

Closing comments from the public – None.

There was no time for an executive session for personnel issues or for the semi-annual review of executive minutes and Ingles asked they be moved to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

There being no closing comments from other board members a motion was made to adjourn by Meiner and a second by Lindsey.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Candi Bradshaw

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