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MINUTES OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY ETS BOARD
MEETING OF JULY 15, 2015

Chairman Ingles called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Roll call showed the following present, Mike Ingles, Al Metzke, Mike Frickey, Jim Woolford, William Flott, John Tibbs, Paul Johnson and Tony Childress (showed up at 4:10). Absent were William Peterson and Bob Meiner. Also present were John Clemmer, Livingston County Finance Specialist; Eddie Prendergast, Duffy-Baier-Snedecor Ambulance; Gabriel Vincent, Duffy-Baier-Snedecor Ambulance; Jim Hargitt, SELCAS; John Slagel, Citizen and Candi Bradshaw.

Ingles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Woolford with a second by Metzke to approve the June 10th board minutes. Voice vote was unanimous with all ayes.

Chairman Ingles stated John Clemmer, Financial Specialist was in attendance. He asked him to comment on where they were in regards to ETSB/LIV COM financials. Clemmer stating this was his first time through but the expenses especially look right on track. Ingles explained what the County Board was trying to do with their budgets so they don't rely as much on the landfill for the general fund. A motion made by Woolford and a second made by Tibbs to approve the June financial reports. A roll call vote was unanimous with all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Oath of Office - Ingles introduced the 2 new members to the ETS Board, William Flott and Paul Johnson. He proceeded to swear in these two members.

Ingles reported everyone got the new ETS Board Member list. A couple of the board members requested changes to this list.

Election of Officers – Ingles opened up the floor for nominations for Chairman of the ETSB. Tibbs nominated Ingles for the position of chairman. Childress seconded the nominations. Flott moved that nominations be closed with a second by Frickey. Roll call vote was unanimous with all ayes.

Ingles nominated Metzke for Vice-Chairman with a second from Flott. Frickey moved that nominations be closed with a second by Childress. Roll call vote was unanimous with all ayes.

Ingles stated the By-laws state the Chairman appoints a secretary for the ETS Board. He stated without an objection he would re-appoint Bradshaw as Secretary of the ETS Board. A roll call vote was unanimous with all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Duffy / SELCAS dispatch fees – Ingles began by stating he had sent out an e-mail to both Duffy's and SELCAS and copied it to the board. He stated they have had several conversations about the dispatch fee rates from each of those entities. He reported he asked them to come to the meeting with any proposals they may have come up with. He turned the floor over to Duffy's and SELCAS. Jim Hargitt of SELCAS stated he believes Duffy's runs are 2-1 compared to theirs. He had done quite a bit of research on this issue involving call volume and population. He has contended that he doesn't believe they should be paying the same for dispatch fees due to this comparison. Hargitt went through several ways he came up with his findings. A lengthy discussion was held by all parties. Many avenues were discussed how to make the dispatch fees fairer for both ambulance parties and all the rural communities who need ambulance service, but don't have an ambulance. Paging agreements were brought up for stacked paging and discussed. Bradshaw was asked to have Wittenberg check into those agreements. Ingles stated once he has gathered his information he will get back with Duffy's and SELCAS for another meeting.

Update on software communications project – Ingles reported Star Com radios are all delivered. He stated that brings an onset for payment which he has in his possession. He reported the final payment will be after installations are completed. He reported the county allotted a \$3 million dollar capital project to pay for radios, cad and software related expenses. He stated they would not have the Spillman piece and maybe a few others paid by the end of this fiscal year so he submitted a capital project request

to John Clemmer for \$2.6 million so that it can be carried over to be appropriated next year. He will go back and subtract the above radio bill mentioned and any others that come in and get paid this year. Ingles reported they have been doing officer training and stated the actual installations start next Tuesday for Dwight PD and Pontiac PD at their locations. Then Fairbury PD and the Sheriff's Department will be done at the Sally Port. He said he did not know how long that would take.

Ingles commented on the documents Bradshaw had sent out in the packets regarding the new legislation. He stated the main thing that he noticed was the surcharge we had for \$1.50 is now \$0.87. Bradshaw added that the surcharge is \$0.87 however if you look at the chart at the back of the document it states ETSB's get \$0.39, then \$0.29 for those who are considered in the "hold harmless" category (those that had land line surcharges over \$0.87) and then a cent or two for being under a population of 100,000, etc. She also stated this spreadsheet shows Livingston County getting less than they were before with this legislation. She stated she had talked to some people on the legislative committee and they said we should not get too upset yet because no one was to lose money in this new legislation. She also reported that she is hoping that maybe the loss has to do with them paying our network costs and in the end we may still be coming out ahead. Flott asked how the State can lower a referendum which the county had already imposed. A discussion was held on this topic. Ingles reported one of the big things in this legislation is to get those 9 counties who do not have 911 to be able to have 911. Bradshaw also stated another big thing also was to get the Sunset Clause from setting. It was due to set July 1, 2015 and now it is July 1, 2017. It was also discussed how consolidations are part of this legislation. The possibility of consolidations was discussed.

Ingles also reported that he was given an e-mail from Ragan Communications promoting a brand of radio other than Motorola, which he stated they have known from day one that they did not have to use Motorola radios but went that way to get support and service with Supreme for Star Com. He reported that it might be a less expensive alternative to go with for the fire departments. Metzke stated he thought that is what Ragan's is trying to do is offer less expensive options. He also stated Ragan's has done a very good job with the work they have done at the PSAP/LIV COM and when we have had trouble that's when you know that. Ingles stated Ragan's

service over the years has been good. He also stated anyone who chooses to buy radios from Ragan and use them for service is fine and would be a good thing.

Ingles stated he would like to have a discussion next month on how they need to look at the future. He said paging is still the big issue. He stated he also would like to know how the other 911 centers page. Metzke stated Wittenberg should be able to find that out.

Flott inquired about any savings there would be on towers. Ingles stated it was not known at this time but with no good answer to paging, we still need our towers.

Johnson inquired if any money would be left at the end of the capital project. He discussed the possibility of using any of that with fire grants in regards to fire departments. Ingles reported he has been told there are fire grants out there and available. A discussion was held on the issue of grants with Johnson giving out lots of good ideas / alternatives in regards to fire departments.

COORDINATORS REPORT: Nothing extra.

MANAGER OF COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Nothing extra.

Closing comments from the public – None.

Executive Session - (5ILCS 120/2)(c)(1) Personnel – There was no need to go into executive session.

Closing comments from board members – None.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Woolford with a second by Tibbs. Voice vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Candi Bradshaw Candi Bradshaw