

**MINUTES OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY ETS BOARD
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2015**

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

Roll call showed the following present, Mike Ingles, Al Metzke, William Flott, Bob Meiner, Paul Johnson, William Peterson and John Tibbs. Absent were Jim Woolford, Mike Frickey and Tony Childress. Also present were Alina Hartley, Livingston County Administrative Specialist; Seth Uphoff, Livingston County State's Attorney; Colleen Fogarty-Metzke, Dwight ESDA; Candi Bradshaw and Randy Wittenberg.

Ingles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Flott with a second by Tibbs to approve the August 12th board minutes. Voice vote was unanimous with all ayes.

A motion made by Metzke and a second made by Peterson to approve the August financial reports. A roll call vote was unanimous with all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on software communications project – Wittenberg stated they have spent over 2 million dollars to date on the project. He reported Motorola has been paid in full, but there could be a couple of smaller bills from them yet. He thought Spillman has been paid approximately 60% of what we owe them. Wittenberg reported that they are down to some smaller things they may or may not have to buy. He reported the radio project has gone fairly well but they have some communication issues in Dwight. He reported they had a meeting on Friday with Motorola and they brought in one of their engineers. They made some recommendations and they have implemented those recommendations and now are doing some testing. He stated the other issue they have in Dwight is communicating inside their police station upstairs and that bothered him. He reported they think they have solved

that problem with putting a repeater inside the building. He has not heard from them as of yet but he plans on talking to the police chief tomorrow. Metzke added that they were there today putting in some firmware and software. A discussion was held on repeaters.

He stated they are working today with VIA, the hardware vendor along with John Sear trying to get the pipe out to the other departments. Wittenberg stated he wanted to commend the telecommunicators for doing an outstanding job of pitching in and working a lot of overtime throughout this whole project. He stated they are still struggling with a printer in the Intrado project but they have decided it's the printer and are ordering us a new one.

A discussion led by Ingles reporting about the new legislation concerning consolidations and also about Chief Johnson looking into any grant money on the fire side to see what is out there. Ingles reported on the MOU's for all the departments being completed. He also reported that there have been meetings with Streater concerning consolidation. A lengthy discussion was held on this topic and also in relation to the new legislation. The State's Attorney is also looking into the statutes on this subject.

Duffy / SELCAS dispatch fees – Ingles recapped to the board the issue with the two entities. Discussions on how to resolve them are still on going at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

GEO COMM – Bradshaw reported that she had received the GeoComm Maintenance Agreement for \$7,100.00 for December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2016. She stated she and Wittenberg had discussed this and since the new CAD/Mapping System would not be up until March or April of next year they thought they should continue with the maintenance agreement for next year. A discussion was held on if we would need them until next year. It was discussed if the mapping went down or if a new cell tower goes up and the possible liability of not getting it into the current mapping system. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Metzke with a second by Flott. A roll call vote was unanimous with all ayes.

BUDGET – Bradshaw reported Wittenberg and she had been working on the budgets. She passed out her 911 and wireless budgets and Wittenberg passed copies of his dispatch budget. Bradshaw stated John Clemmer had

come over to the center and went through their budgets with them and nothing jumped out at him. She went through her budget line items. Several questions were asked and answered. Bradshaw also stated for the revenue side, they would not be getting any more wireless surcharge money until the State gets its budget issues worked out. Wittenberg stated he did have a conversation with Jason Barrickman about the money being a pass-through and not actually State money and we should be able to get it. Barrickman stated he would look into the issue. Wittenberg went through his dispatch budget and gave some explanations of line items.

Ingles asked the board to take the budgets home and look them over. He stated if they have any questions to please let Bradshaw and Wittenberg know so they could get them answered before next month's meeting.

COORDINATORS REPORT: Bradshaw said she wanted to make the board aware that she had to transfer \$10,000.00 from wireless to 911 to cover expenses. She also reported that the board had talked about this in the past knowing this would eventually happen since all the reserves for 911 are gone. She also reported she would talk to Marci at ICC about how the money would be received with the new legislation. Bradshaw reported that she has the UPS batteries ordered from Mid-Illinois Electric. She is waiting to hear from Robby Ruff as to what the status is on them. She also gave an update on the call boxes.

MANAGER OF COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Wittenberg reported they are in the middle of working on the infrastructure issues to get information from Spillman out to the various departments they need to get it to. He stated the installations have gone as well as could be expected with this type of project. He stated the telecommunicators have done a great job working through all of the new equipment and training. He reported they had a meeting with ICC and he has had some meetings with Streater.

Ingles stated they will need to make contact with every agency to make sure they have equipment that is compatible with the Spillman product to meet their needs. Ingles stated he thought he would send out letters asking for a list of their equipment they plan on using with Spillman to give that to Spillman for them look at. He wants to make sure when they go live everyone has the equipment they need. Ingles stated he and Wittenberg would get together and decide how to go about this.

Johnson reported on the available grants on the fire side. He also gave the board some suggestions on how to go about getting one of these grants. He also stated the longer we take to go after the grants the less chance you have of getting them. A long discussion was held on grants and issues surrounding it. Johnson's suggestion was to hold off until next year because the grant opens in October and that is too short of a deadline to meet this year. A discussion was held and Ingles stated they would talk about this at next month's meeting.

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

Closing comments from the public – None.

Closing comments from board members – Flott reported he had copies of the Dwight paper with an article in it about Dwight FPD to turn Dwight Correctional Center into Regional Fire Training Center. He also reported every week there are articles about a person, firemen etc. and what they are doing. He thought with our new system that perhaps the vendors PR people could do something of this nature. Ingles also stated he could talk to someone at the Leader.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Tibbs with a second by Meiner. Voice vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Candi Bradshaw 