

**MINUTES OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY ETS BOARD
INFORMATIONAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2015**

Chairman Woolford called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

Roll call showed the following present, Jim Woolford, Bob Meiner, William Flott and Paul Johnson. Absent were Mike Ingles, Al Metzke, Mike Frickey, William Peterson, Tony Childress and John Tibbs. Also present were John Clemmer, Financial Specialist; Alina Hartley, Administrative Resource Specialist; Marty Fannin, Livingston County Board Chairman; Candi Bradshaw and Randy Wittenberg.

Roll call showed there was not enough in attendance to have a quorum so Chairman Woolford stated they could only have an informational meeting and could not vote on anything at this meeting. He also stated they would bypass the review of executive session minutes.

Chairman Woolford discussed the meeting times for future ETSB Meetings. He stated he preferred either morning meetings or early afternoon, however he could make the 4:00 p.m. meetings work if the others wanted that time. The other 3 attending the meeting stated mornings would work fine for them. Chairman Woolford stated for now he would leave the meetings for 11:00 a.m.

Chairman Woolford reported that they are moving along with ICC and today is the hearing for our petition. He stated the hearing is a waived process so it should just be, hopefully, an approval for bringing in Streator.

Dwight and Pontiac Fire Grants Process – Johnson gave an update on the work he has been doing on the fire grant for Dwight and Pontiac Fire Departments. He stated he has talked to Pontiac Fire Chief and some of the other departments. Pontiac and Dwight are the only ones interested right now so he stated he has started the process of writing the grant for portables, mobiles and mobile data terminals and necessary software. He

reported he has $\frac{3}{4}$ of the grant written. He stated it puts them at a 5% match which is about \$23,000.00. He also stated the grant is almost \$500,000.00 total. A discussion was held on how higher populations means a higher match. A discussion was held on possible options for coming up with the money for the 5% match. Johnson stated the application has to be in by the first week in January. He stated they usually start giving out the awards around late April / early May and historically goes until about the first week of October. He stated the latest they should know officially if they were awarded the grant would be October. More discussion was held on how to come up with the matching money. Johnson stated he would forward a copy of the grant to the board members with figures and narratives and if everyone agrees with it he would then forward it on. He stated if other departments wanted to possibly put in a regional grant next year (excluding Pontiac & Dwight) they could do that and he could impose a lot of the narratives in his current grant into the new one. Johnson also said a regional grant doesn't stop a single entity from putting in a grant for their department to get some equipment as well. He explained to the board what radios and their capabilities they were requesting within the grant. Chairman Woolford thanked Johnson for all his hard work on this grant process for how much money it will save them in the long run.

Bradshaw reported she heard the monies for the wireless surcharge will appropriated to CMS by 12/18/15. She stated she didn't know when they would be getting that money from this. She is hoping they will see some money before the end of the year. Bradshaw also reported she is working with telephone companies to get the call box charges taken off their bills after the first of next year when the call boxes will start being de-activated.

Wittenberg reported they started Spillman training yesterday. He stated they would be training the rest of this week and beginning January, every week until the end of March. He stated they are training every police officer, every employee that works for a police department, LIV COM and County. He reported Streater now is training as well.

Wittenberg reported on the status of hiring 2 new telecommunicators. He gave the report on how the testing process and interview process was going. He reported he was moving forward exploring opportunities of bringing others into the center. He also stated we would have some grant opportunities with the bringing in of Streater which are being held up at this

time because of the State's Budget issue. He stated he will be contacting ISP after the first of the year when all the new legislation and rules are in place to discuss those grants to recover some of our costs for the Streator consolidation. Meiner asked how many from Streator would be coming over and Wittenberg stated no one. He reported the two who were interested in the beginning now are showing no interest. A discussion was held on some of the applicants.

Wittenberg thanked Bradshaw for all of her work with the ICC / Streator Modification process. Woolford stated that both Bradshaw and Wittenberg deserve a lot of credit for pushing what might take up to a year to accomplish into a couple of months. Meiner also stated his thanks and said those of them who have been in projects know this doesn't just happen.

Flott asked Wittenberg to explain the coverage issue going on in Dwight with the radios. He explained what was going on and stated they had a meeting with Motorola this Thursday. He explained a little in depth about what was happening.

Woolford stated the next meeting would be January 13, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. He also stated if they run into a problem with a quorum they can adjust the times.

There being no further business it was a consensus of those attending to end the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Candi Bradshaw Candi Bradshaw