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## **MINUTES OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY ETS BOARD**

### **MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2016**

Vice-Chairman Metzke called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

Roll call showed the following present, Al Metzke, Mike Ingles, William Flott and Paul Johnson. Tony Childress showed up at 11:20 a.m. and Bob Meiner showed up at 11:30 a.m. Absent were Jim Woolford, RT Finney, Scot Wrighton and William Peterson. Also present were Marty Fannin, Livingston County Board Chairman; Alina Hartley, Livingston County Administrative Specialist; John Clemmer, Livingston County Financial Specialist; Deputy Chief Robert Turner, Streator Police; Candi Bradshaw and Randy Wittenberg.

Metzke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Metzke stated in the beginning of the meeting we did not have a quorum and this would be an informational meeting. However, by 10:30 a.m. two more board members made it to the meeting indicatating that they now had a quorum for ETSB Meeting.

Metzke asked if there were any questions or comments on the March Minutes presented to the board. There were none.

Metzke asked if there were any comments on the March Financials. John Clemmer, County Financial Specialist, stated the overtime in the dispatch budget is significantly higher at this time than it should be in the budget, but he speculated it was due to the conversion to all the new equipment. He stated it is the one item at this time that is over the budget line by a fair amount.

Flott stated he saw in Bradshaw's report and asked if it is a warning that we will be trouble with money not coming from the State. She reported that we will be in the same situation as we were in when the State held our wireless surcharge funds. She reported now they have not gotten any land line surcharge since the beginning of the year. She reported this and the extra overtime worked in dispatch she has had to have the Treasurer transfer

money from the Wireless Money Market Account into the Wireless Account. She will then transfer money into dispatch and 911 accounts to keep funds adequate. Bradshaw stated her fear is there is legislation out there being worked on to pass to let the Governor sweep funds for the State's budget from other accounts, including 911 and not have to pay them back. She reported if that happens before the PSAPs get their money, they will be hurting. A lengthy discussion was held on this issue including the pending Legislation and how long the money we have will last. Ingles suggested Bradshaw and possibly Wittenberg get together and put information together and get a letter drafted from Chairman Woolford to our legislators to help get that money before it disappears. Wittenberg stated 911 was in the same bill as the Motor Fuel Tax which is paid up at this time. Wittenberg stated we would have to really scale back on what we spend and he would get together with John Clemmer to see how long we could survive without getting money and a possible State Government shut down.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Software Communications Project – Wittenberg reported they have all the police departments and the jail now using Spillman along with dispatch. He stated the jail had gotten better around the middle of this week, having to make some changes for them. He thought a lot of their problems should be taken care of within the next 10 days. He reported his biggest concern is making sure everyone's needs are taken care of. He said they will bring Streater on board on April 26<sup>th</sup> and will have another shake down period while doing that project. He stated this was a huge project which they undertook. He stated this took lots of communication between all of the agencies involved along with Spillman and Jefferson County. A long discussion was held on problems they had with the jail and what changes needed. Also discussed were police cars running without officers in them and whether it was due to radios / repeaters within the cars and batteries running down, distance of officer from the car, etc.

Ingles asked Wittenberg if they would remain under the 3 million dollar mark on the communications project. Wittenberg stated they would be under that mark. County Board Chairman inquired about some invoices coming through in regards to Streater and if that was part of the original project. Wittenberg stated the invoices have nothing to do with Streater coming on and Streater is paying all of its expenses to come on with LIV COM and

those invoices are being billed directly to Streator. He reported Streator was going away due to consolidation legislation and we would have to find a new back up regardless and we went with McLean County. A long discussion was held on communication's project funds and what some of the extra costs involved for having to get a new backup.

Wittenberg reported that today they had a meeting with Chief Deputy Turner to narrow down the focus on how dispatches are made; and with the fire chiefs to work through some fire issues to become more efficient. It was discussed how lessons learned through bringing on Streator should help them down the road should they do any more consolidating. Wittenberg stated not having a VHF System, which most county fire departments have, could cause some significant costs for them to come to us for dispatch.

Since a quorum was achieved with 2 additional board members attending, Chairman Metzke stated they would work backwards and entertain a motion for last month's minutes. A motion was made by the Sheriff with a second by Flott to approve the March 16<sup>th</sup> minutes. Voice vote was unanimous with all ayes.

A motion was made by Meiner and a second made by Johnson to approve the March financial reports. A roll call vote was unanimous with all ayes.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Pontiac and Dwight FD Grant – Johnson reported the grant application has passed through computer review and now moving to the peer review section with 3 different assessors looking at that. He reported he has been told by some if they passed computer review they didn't know of a reason they would be denied, but who knows. Johnson reported grants are usually given out between April 15<sup>th</sup> and the first week of October. He reported that he received notification that Jason Barrickman had received a letter from FEMA regarding the grant. He stated he had people send letters of support for the grant and when those people start receiving letters back from FEMA, it is a good sign. He stated they are still in the waiting game but have not been disqualified as of yet.

COORDINATORS REPORT: Bradshaw reported they are still working on the mapping and the Streator maps. She also reported she mailed out the dispatch invoices with the new increases on them.

MANAGER OF COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Wittenberg stated he had a meeting with SELCAS and they still have to address the dispatch fees between SELCAS, Duffy's and now AMT of Streator. He has asked for some information from STATS out of our system including transports. He is going to try to come up with a formula to resolve this issue. A discussion was held on dispatch fees for ambulances in the past.

Metzke stated to Wittenberg he talked to Chris Kindlespirer at a Grundy Chiefs Meeting and he wants to get together with them. He is concerned about having a common talk group created for Grundy County since they do have Star Com.

Closing comments from the public – None.

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 Ingles with a second by Childress. Voice vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Candi Bradshaw 