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MINUTES OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY SPECIAL ETS BOARD

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

Chairman Woolford called the meeting to order at 9:56 a.m.

Roll call showed the following present, Jim Woolford, Al Metzke, Mike Ingles, William Flott, Bob Meiner, and Robert Turner. Absent were Tony Childress, Scot Wrighton and Paul Johnson. Also present were Alina Hartley, Livingston County Administrative Specialist; John Clemmer, Livingston County Financial Specialist; Mark Travis, Fairbury Police Chief; Colleen Fogarty-Metzke, Dwight ESDA; Candi Bradshaw and Randy Wittenberg.

Woolford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Woolford stated the purpose of this Special Meeting was to approve the 2017 budget in order to move it forward to the Livingston County Ag & Zoning Committee.

BUSINESS:

Budgets – Wittenberg reported on the 911/wireless budget first. He went through all the line items of this budget and gave explanations for the line items. It was explained the telephone costs is a best guess due to the State taking on the network costs for 911. Bradshaw explained she came up with the figure estimated from what she is paying at this time.

Wittenberg reported on the dispatch budget next. He also went through each of those line items. He reported IMRF expenses and county expenses are included for the entire year but may not have to pay out for an entire year. He explained what each line item contains. He informed the board that Wheeler has sold the Chatsworth and Fairbury Towers. He told the board that we were not notified the towers had been sold until the new company tried to get into the tower and was refused due to us not knowing who they were and that the towers were sold. He explained the deficit in the dispatch budget and how he and Bradshaw had went through both budgets earlier that day to lower a lot of the expenses. He stated he would

feel comfortable with this budget going forward at this point. Woolford inquired if the higher maintenance agreements were so much higher due to the new systems which were bought. Wittenberg stated they were and some of the new ones will kick into effect this next year. Ingles also informed the board the Spillman maintenance is not reflected within this budget but will become an expense in 7 years and they need to keep that in mind. Flott asked if the dispatch budget reflects the increases for the entities due to CPI, which Wittenberg stated it does not. A lengthy discussion was held on several ways to increase funds for dispatch. It was also discussed they need a balanced budget with a capital budget fund to be able to pay their own way. A discussion was held on how many full time and part time employees Wittenberg felt would be needed. He reported the advantage of having part-time employees is that you can pull them into a full time position when the opportunity arises. Wittenberg stated there is a lot more work to be done and questions to get answered.

Wittenberg stated he and Clemmer will take another look at the budget before it goes before Ag and Zoning.

A motion to forward the budget to Ag and Zoning to be turned into the County's budget as per an approved process with the understanding that there is small additional reductions that Wittenberg and Clemmer will work out was made by Ingles with a second by Turner. A roll call vote was unanimous with all ayes. Motion carried.

Closing comments from the public – None.

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

Closing comments from Chairman or board members – Ingles stated they need a plan going forward with fire departments.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Flott with a second by Metzke. Voice vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Candi Bradshaw Candi Bradshaw