



EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEMS BOARD

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Galesburg/Knox County Emergency Telephone Systems Board (E.T.S.B.) Minutes

TO: Galesburg/Knox County Emergency Telephone Systems (E.T.S.B.) Board Members
FROM: Amanda Jennings, 9-1-1 Coordinator/Administrative Support Supervisor
DATE: April 18, 2025
SUBJECT: Galesburg/Knox E.T.S.B. Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 17, 2025

The regular meeting of the Galesburg/Knox County Emergency Telephone Systems Board (E.T.S.B.) was held on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 09:00 a.m. in the Chief's office of the Public Safety Building, 150 S Broad Street, Galesburg, Illinois, 61401.

PRESENT: Galesburg Acting Police Chief Kevin Legate, Sheriff Jack Harlan- E.T.S.B Vice Chairman, Jared Hawkinson- Knox County Board Member, Richard Springer- G.H.A.S., Bill Stone- WIFA Representative, Nate Clark- Motorola Representative, Brock Schmitt- Galesburg Fire Deputy Chief and Amanda Jennings- 911 Coordinator

ABSENT: Fire Chief Randy Hovind, Sid Carlson- Member-at-Large, Zachary Crawl- Member-at-Large and Robin Davis- Knox County Treasurer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 09:04 a.m. by Acting Galesburg Police Chief Kevin Legate. Board Member Hawkinson motioned to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2025 meeting. Vice Chairman Harlan gave a second motion. Motion passed.

APPROVE:

FINANCIAL REPORT: The current fund balance is \$4, 035,280.24

Liabilities:

Month	Bill Totals
March	\$71,874.32
April	\$202,737.77

Member Hawkinson motioned to approve the financial report. Member Stone seconded. Approved.

REPORTS:

AMANDA JENNINGS- Galesburg/Knox County 9-1-1 Coordinator

Month	911 & Admin Total	911 Calls	Cell	Landline	VOIP	Abandoned
February	8,724	1,679	1,352	33	277	110
March	9,829	2,011	1,553	160	286	170

Amanda reported the following:

- There has been one dispatch resignation. Candidates are going through testing and interviews.
- Two Dispatchers attended "What if the Caller is the Killer" course.
- Discussion was held on revisions to the Emergency Telephone Systems Act in Illinois.
- Requesting a surcharge increase from \$1.50 to \$2.50 with an annual inflation adjustment.



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NATE CLARK- Motorola

He has been working on the Henry County Starcom project which will be identical to our upcoming project.

RANDY HOVIND- Galesburg Fire Department

Absent

Deputy Chief Brock Schmitt attended and advised that Galesburg Fire will be conducting entry level testing for firefighters on June 28th.

BILL STONE-WIFA

Planning for the fall training academy is underway which is held in August. The flooring project is complete at the training facility. Brightspeed is unable to move lines to the new water tower for Henderson Fire's tower project. Discussion was held on some possible options.

JARED HAWKINSON- Knox County Board

Advised that budget season will be starting soon.

RICHARD SPRINGER- G.H.A.S.

None

SID CARLSON-Member-at-Large

Absent

KEVIN LEGATE- Galesburg Police Department

Two Officers are graduating from the academy next week. Two additional Officers will be hired on April 28th and will be fully staffed plus one until Lieutenant Vannaken retires the end of June.

JACK HARLAN- Board Vice Chairman & Sheriff

They have one graduating from the academy at the end of the month and they will be hiring more in June. They are also adding to their fleet. The jail passed their IDOC inspection with a 100 percent. Several Deputies recently received Lifesaving awards. Further discussion was held on Getac and flock camera integration.

ZACHARY CROWL-Member-at-Large

Absent

OLD BUSINESS

The backup facility has been used and is operational.

The main Communication Center renovation is going well. Demolition is complete. The framing and drywall have started. Valley Construction is progressing nicely. The estimated completion for construction is the end of August. Furniture, IT and radio equipment will follow the construction. The goal to move in and "go live" will be in the first quarter of 2026.



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NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the Chair and Vice Chair election and approved signers on the checking account.

Member Springer motioned to table the election until the June meeting and add Sheriff Harlan and Amanda Jennings as signers to the checking account. Member Stone seconded. All were in favor. Approved.

The MCA radio contract was presented. There is a three percent increase to the quarterly maintenance fee which is \$8,607.90.

Member Hawkinson motioned to approve and Springer seconded. Motion carried.

The Motorola Starcom21 project proposal was reviewed. The total quote was for \$1,172,952.74, however additional costs for fiber connections and recorder upgrades bring the project total to \$1,290,679.74. Board discussion was held on the project configuration, coverage and potential integration with other systems.

Member Hawkinson motioned to approve the project in the amount of \$1,300,000 to include all items previously mentioned. Member Springer seconded the motion with hopes for cost savings with our own fiber connection. All were in favor. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m. by unanimous approval. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Galesburg Public Safety Building, 150 South Broad Street, Galesburg, Illinois.

cc: Kelli Bennewitz, City Clerk
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