



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: June 20, 2025
SUBJECT: Galesburg/Knox E.T.S.B. Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 19, 2025

The regular meeting of the Galesburg/Knox County Emergency Telephone Systems Board (E.T.S.B.) was held on Thursday, June 19, 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 Police Chief Kevin Legate, Sheriff Jack Harlan- E.T.S.B Vice Chairman, Galesburg Fire Chief Randy Hovind, Richard Springer- G.H.A.S., Bill Stone- WIFA Representative, Nate Clark- Motorola Representative, Sid Carlson and Zachary Crawl- Members-at-Large, and Amanda Jennings- 911 Coordinator

ABSENT: Jared Hawkinson- Knox County Board Member and Robin Davis- Knox County Treasurer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 09:02 a.m. by Galesburg Police Chief Kevin Legate. Member Springer motioned to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2025 meeting. Galesburg Fire Chief Hovind gave a second motion. Motion passed.

APPROVE:

FINANCIAL REPORT: The current fund balance is \$3,772,151.34

Liabilities:

Month	Bill Totals
May	\$216,125.41
June	\$29,324.26

Member Carlson motioned to approve the financial report. Member Crawl seconded. Approved.

REPORTS:

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

Month	911 & Admin Total	911 Calls	Cell	Landline	VOIP	Abandoned
April	9,215	1,862	1,546	39	269	134
May	10,573	2,165	1,856	43	261	138

Amanda reported the following:

There has been one dispatch resignation and one new hire to start on Monday.

NATE CLARK- Motorola

The Henry County Starcom project is going well. He has a meeting with Motorola regarding Knox County Starcom on June 26th. He believes they have the best project manager and team assigned to it.



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RANDY HOVIND- Galesburg Fire Department

The department has two new hires and two currently on probation. They will only be down one even with the City's request for a hiring freeze. Contracts are still going back and forth, however they hope to settle soon. Valley Construction received the bid for the dorm remodel. Everyone has been impressed with the company's work on the new dispatch center at Public Safety.

BILL STONE-WIFA

The fire training academy is set to begin on August 23rd. He has seen a good turnout.

JARED HAWKINSON- Knox County Board

Absent

RICHARD SPRINGER- G.H.A.S.

He is pleased to report that they have hired a flurry of paramedics, as well as 12 current employees wanting to take the paramedic class. G.H.A.S. has agreed to continue to cover the Knox County side of London Mills as needed, but will not sign a contract. They do have guidelines for when they are unable to respond there. Springer is also thrilled to be hiring a full-time training coordinator, which they have not had for a long time. Overall, things are going well.

SID CARLSON-Member-at-Large

St. Mary's Hospital is still dealing with high volumes of patients, they are doing the best they can.

KEVIN LEGATE- Galesburg Police Department

The department currently has two officers in FTO and two at the PTI Academy. Lieutenant Vannaken will retire on June 27th. They are currently working on promotional testing and hoping for the appointment of a deputy chief in the next couple weeks. Chief Legate looks forward to the continued improvement of the working relationship with the Sheriff's Department.

JACK HARLAN- Board Vice Chairman & Sheriff

They have one deputy in FTO that is moving to second phase in two weeks. Although they are fully staffed, they have been authorized to hire a new school resource officer. Their department will be getting a second drone and have previously worked with Galesburg Police Drone Operator Blake Carr on assistance with training. He would like to see more of his deputies trained in how to assist the fire departments on scene as well. Sheriff Harlan agrees with Chief Legate on the improvement of the working relationship between the departments.

ZACHARY CROWL-Member-at-Large

The project at 1172 Monroe St. has a completion date of June 26th.

Knoxville School District is seeing administrative changes, as well as the retirement of ROE Jodi Scott.

OLD BUSINESS

The new dispatch center renovations are going very well. Painting and tiling have started and the project is on schedule to be completed on time. Mike with Valley Construction has been great about staying in communication.

Regarding the tabled discussion on Chair and Vice Chair election for the ETSB, Member Springer motions to keep Chief Legate and Sheriff Harlan in the respective positions. Fire Chief Hovind seconded. All in favor. Approved.



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NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

Member Stone motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 a.m. Member Springer seconded. Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 21, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Galesburg Public Safety Building, 150 South Broad Street, Galesburg, Illinois.

cc: Kelli Bennewitz, City Clerk
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