

**MENARD COUNTY
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

November 20, 2023

The regular meeting of the Menard County ETSB was called to order by Mike Chandler at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: John Balster, Ben Hollis, Pat Rebbe, Mike Chandler, Mike Burg, and Daniel Schirding.

Members Absent: Rich Brauer, Karen Boensel, Ron Cooley, and Kevin Standley

Guest Present: Josh Gasparini with Logan County 911

BOARD MINUTES

- A motion to accept the consent agenda of the November 20, 2023, ETSB regular meeting was made Dave King and seconded by Pat Rebbe. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.
- A motion to accept the minutes of September 18, 2023, as presented was made by Dave King and seconded by Mike Burg. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.
- A motion to accept the financial reports as presented with an explanation was made by Ben Hollis and seconded by Dave King. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

911 COORDINATOR REPORT

- Guest – Josh Gasparini with Logan County 911 was present and talked to the ETSB Board about Logan County's 911 Dispatch Center and what could possibly be made available for a 2nd Backup PSAP for Menard County. After much Discussion and Question's from both parties it was determined that both Logan and Menard would continue to communicate to see if this could possibly work in the Future for both.
- John informed the Board that he had met with Ryan Electric on the Generator's and was going to Meet with Prairieland FS about the LP Tank placement on Tuesday 11/21/2023. John would let the ETSB Board know when he was able to lock down a date for the Project to Start. John discussed the necessary upgrades for ESINET NextGen and prices that it was going to cost. John had talked to Pam on the Allocation of Funds and what accounts would be used to finish out the FY 2023 Budget. Pam was able to renew the CDs at a higher rate of Interest than we were previously getting for them.
- There was discussion of trying to find available Grants to cover some of the cost of the upgrades. Mike Chandler was going to investigate the Grant Program along with Grant writers and Consulting Firms.

PSAP UPDATE

- PSAP update – Ben gave an update on the new Central Square CAD system that is set to go live on December 19th and Dispatcher will be trained on it the 1st two Weeks of December.
- Ben stated that the PSAP is at Full Staff at the present time.
- Ben brought up that there may be some changes for PSAP Staff to go to 12 hours shifts but nothing is definite at this time.

- Ben brought up the paging on Dispatchers having to use too many different frequencies to page different Agencies and would like to combine them to all 1 paging Frequency. This would have to be discussed with all Agencies in the county to get feedback before anything could be decided by the ETSB Board. He also brought up the fact of eventually having to purchase outdated radio equipment and thought the Board should investigate a Consulting Firm to make sure we get the equipment and Tower placing needed for better radio communications.
- The Siren at the New Salem State Park that DNR owns was also discussed about them fixing it but no further action from DNR has been made to repair it. Mike Chandler was going to check with DNR.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- None

HEARING OF CITIZENS

- None

SPECIAL COMMITTEES REPORT

- None

ADJOURN

- A motion to adjourn was made by Ben Hollis and seconded by Dave King. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Boensel
Secretary/Board Member