

# JO DAVIESS COUNTY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD

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## MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Emergency Telephone System Board was called to order by the Chairman at 7:04 pm in the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Conference Room, 330 North Bench Street, Galena, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL:** Board Members Present: Jeff Wood, Steve Allendorf, Bill Kimball, Michael Staver and Kevin Stewart were physically present.

Board Members Absent: Matt Judges, Helen Kilgore

Others Present: Sgt. Tina Brandel, Michelle Bennett,

A quorum was established.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None at this time.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None at this time.

**LEGISLATION:** Nothing to report at this time.

**MEETING MINUTES:** The January 2, 2019 meeting minutes were filed as presented.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** January and February financial reports were reviewed. The Monthly Financial Statements were reviewed and filed as presented to submit for audit. The total accounts payable claim for January 2019 is \$2467.47. Kevin Stewart made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims for January in the amount of \$2467.47. The motion was seconded by Jeff Wood and motion passed. The total accounts payable claim for February 2019 is \$4204.23. Michael Staver made a motion to approve the account payable claims for February in the amount of \$4204.23. The motion was seconded by Kevin Stewart and motion passed.

### REPORTS:

- A. **Sheriff's Report:** Sheriff reported on the electrical project, they lost one computer tower. Sgt. Brandel handled this project very well.
- B. **Coordinator's Report:** Sgt. Brandel reported, that during an electrical project, the hard drive on console one failed and they lost one computer tower. Technicians were able to rebuild that computer tower and everything is back up and running. Sgt Brandel distributed a letter from NINGA regarding iFiber. It was a NINGA consensus that the group could not wait any longer for IFiber to obtain CLEC certification and that NINGA should seek another provider. Michael Ramsey, NG-911 Inc., notified IFiber that NG-911 Inc is terminating their agreement iFiber. Michael Ramsey is also working with another company, Solocom who is merging with ComTech, in an effort to move forward with the project. Sgt Brandel will keep committee informed as information comes available.

C. Assistant Coordinator's Report: None at this time.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. Discussion and possible action on a request from the County, for the ETSB to assist the Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management by contributing \$30,375.60 (1/3 of the project cost \$91,126.82) to install a new radio tower at Hanover. Sheriff Kevin Turner, County Administrator Dan Reimer and Emergency Management Agency Manager Chuck Pedersen were present. Dan handed out a packet for visual aide to update the committee on the project. Chuck presented the updated information. The tower will provide improved communications in Emergency situations. It will also improve communications between dispatchers and emergency responders, especially in areas with poor coverage due to topography issues, and provide us with a location that can serve as a backup PSAP in the event our regular PSAP fails or must be evacuated. Bill Kimball made a motion assist and provide \$30,375.60 (1/3 of the project cost of \$91,126.82) to install a new tower at Hanover Emergency Operations Center. The motion was seconded by Kevin Stewart and motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None at this time

**CLOSED SESSION:** None at this time.

**BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS:** Bill Kimball commented that Matt Judges term will be expiring, and he asked if Sheriff Turner could put the word out for a Public Safety Replacement for Matt.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. following a motion made by Kevin Stewart and seconded by Jeff Wood.

Next meeting date is Wednesday, April 3, 2019 in the Jo Daviess County Sherriff's Conference Room. .