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MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Emergency Telephone System Board was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00 pm in the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Conference Room, 330 North Bench Street, Galena, Illinois.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Michelle Bennett, and Assistant Coordinator Tom Lange

A quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chariman Bill Kimball shared a letter form the Savanna Community Ambulance Association. It read: This is to inform you that as of May 11, 2020 at 0000 hrs, the Savanna Community Ambulance Association will no longer provide primary EMS services to the area that lies in the Hanover Fire Protection District. This will in no way affect our commitment to provide Mutual Aid to our neighboring communities. In April of 2018 I made a verbal agreement to cover the area in the southern portion of the Hanover Ambulance territory for the two year period that their ambulance service was suspended by the Illinois Department of Public Health. This suspension was effective May 10, 2018. We were in hopes that the Hanover Ambulance service would be able to reorganize and become a viable service again. But as you are aware of, the Hanover Ambulance never did recover and they have ceased operation. During this period, the Savanna Community Ambulance has never been officially contacted by the old Hanover Ambulance Board, Hanover Fire Protection District or the Jo Daviess County ETSB Board. But we have fulfilled our verbal commitment. We have gone as far as to inviting all the property owners and residents of the area to a public meeting at the Jo Carroll LRA meeting room on September 25, 2019. At this meeting I explained that the two year agreement would be up in the spring and they needed to decide what they wanted to do. At this Meeting Mr. Max Purchis, representing the Hanover Fire Protection District stated that they were contracting with Elizabeth EMS to provide services for this area. At this time, we still have not heard from Hanover Fire Protection District, Elizabeth EMS or the Jo Daviess County ETSB. We have never had any formal agreement and as May 10th will be the end of the two year commitment, we feel we need to cease providing primary services to this area. It is signed by Charles Corey-EMT-P Board President. (Elizabeth is going to cover this area).

LEGISLATION: There is a house bill pending that amends the Emergency Telephone System Act. It has been introduced. It is in the first reading, there is not a lot of movement on that development at this time. When we get that passed, we will share with everyone.

MEETING MINUTES: The February 5, 2020, meeting minutes were filed as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: December financial reports were reviewed. The Monthly Financial Statements were reviewed and filed as presented to submit for audit. The total accounts payable claims for February 2020 is \$44,478.87. Helen Kilgore made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims for January in the amount of \$44,478.87. The motion was seconded by Jeff Wood and motion passed.

REPORTS:

- A. **Sheriff's Report:** None at this time.
- B. **Coordinator's Report:** Sgt. Brandel is currently out on medical leave after having neck surgery. She provided a report to Chairman Bill Kimball. The report read; Good Evening everyone! Nelson's Systems was here and installed the new recording equipment on Monday February 24th. It was decided instead of trying to run two separate recording systems, since 911 is still on the old Nortel phone system, that we would wait and once the new 911 equipment is installed we will move everything over all at one time. NINGA-The acquisition of NG-911 Inc. by Syndeo was finalized on Friday February 21st. Michael Ramsey will not be staying on as a consultant as previously thought. I received our diagrams Thursday, February 27th and filed our Network Justification the same day. As soon as I know this is approved I will file the 911 modification plan. DeKalb and Ogle are 100% approved with both plans already. As of writing this report, I believe Stephenson and Carroll are the only two left to file their Network plans. We will be meeting with Syndeo in DeKalb, on March 11th to go over any questions and to plan out a timeline as to equipment installation and go live. I believe that if everything stays n track we should have Next Gen 911 by summer. On February 14, the wireless industry notified the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that is has abandoned the National Emergency Address Database (NEAD). The NEAD was established to help 9-1-1 professionals and other emergency responders locate wireless 9-1-1 callers indoors by supporting the delivery of dispatchable location information (meaning the street address, plus apartment, office number or other information need to find a caller). Given that the industry has not announced testing of other methods for delivering dispatchable locations for 9-1-1 calls, this announcement represents a setback for 9-1-1 location accuracy. I am scheduled for a follow up with my Dr. in Iowa City March 6th and hope to return back to work on March 9th. As always if you have any questions please let me know. Take care everyone!
- C. **Assistant Coordinator's Report:** Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and possible action on approving funds in the amount of \$409.00 from the ETSB Education and Training Acct (007-41128-501) to send one Dispatcher to the Communications Training Officer Workshop in Clinton, IA. May 27-May 29,2020 (\$409.00 is the cost if registered before May 1, 2020, otherwise the cost is \$439.00 A Sheriff's vehicle is to be used for transportation to and from the Workshop). Michael Staver made a motion to approve the funds in the amount of \$409.00 from the ETSB Education and Training Acct (007-41128-501) to send one Dispatcher to the Communications Training Officer Workshop in Clinton, IA May 27-May 29, 2020. (\$409.00 is the cost if registered before May 1, 2020, otherwise the cost is \$439.00. A Sheriff's vehicle is to be used for transportation to and from the Workshop). The motion was seconded by Kevin Stewart. Motion carries.

CLOSED SESSION: None at this time.

BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS: We have three board members that their terms will be expiring April 30, 2020. We will recommend these to the County Board to reappoint them on the April meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: When the Board approved the pre-payment of the radio fund, we saved \$1320.00 in interest. Steve Allendorf asked about the 13 month CD, the Treasurer took care of this for us. Steve congratulated board member Michael Staver who is being installed as the Exalted Ruler of the Galena Elks. Kevin Stewart commented that the Stockton EMS is dropping down to the basic level service. The board discussed this ongoing issue with local EMS. Steve Birkbeck stated that Sand Prairie notified the Galena Territory Association that they are discontinuing their wireless service to parts of the Territory because the FCC has recalled the wireless frequencies used by Sand Prairie, and their equipment is outdated. Steve advised that they will not be updating the equipment.

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

Next meeting date is Wednesday, April 1, 2020 in the Jo Daviess County Sherriff's Conference Room.