

Jackson County Emergency Telephone System Board
Minutes of February 26, 2007

Ross Bedar called the Jackson County Emergency Telephone System Board meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. Members present were: Ross Bedar, Mark Berkowitz, Mike Bilderback, Jim LeBeau, Robert Ledbetter, Randy Mathis, John Michalesko, Dottie Miles, Bob Morgan, and Todd Sigler. Also in attendance were John Clemons, Patrick Lustig and Pat Furtak.

Motion by Mike Bilderback to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2007 JCETSB meeting. Seconded by Jim LeBeau. Motion carried.

Randy Mathis, Financial Officer, made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$4,675.07 as presented. Motion seconded by Jim LeBeau. Randy asked if the camera cost \$1,600 that was included in the check to Chase Bank Card. Pat Lustig said the camera was between \$200 and \$300 and he would provide Randy with a breakdown of the amount paid to Chase. Motion carried.

There were no Officer reports nor Committee reports.

At approximately 6:07 p.m. Jeff Bock arrived.

John Clemons submitted the Attorney's report. John is still waiting for a fee for a subpoena request.

The majority of the Intergovernmental Agreements were filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission and the Attorney General's office by January 31, 2007. Agreements were not received from the following: DeSoto Police and Fire Departments, U.S. Forest Service and Union County Board of Commissioners and Sheriff. Numerous requests have been made but there have not been any responses. Pat Lustig said he would attempt to contact the missing agencies.

John reviewed the closed meetings with Pat Furtak and concluded there was just one closed meeting on November 20, 2006. The meeting was concerned with the possible or potential litigation as to the Infrastructure Maintenance Fee and the City of Carbondale. John recommended we open those minutes, as the City of Carbondale is aware of our position. After opening these minutes there are currently no closed minutes.

John has conferred with both Director Lustig and Jackson County Assistant State's Attorney Dan Brenner as to the necessary legal documents regarding the involvement of 911 in the fiber optic project between the Sheriff's Department, Jackson County Courthouse and the City of Murphysboro. John deferred any explanations of fiber optic to Pat Lustig.

The annual evaluation of Director Lustig is in progress by the four (4) JCETSB Executive Officers.

Pat Lustig submitted the Director's report. He believes someone attempted to enter our back door but was unsuccessful.

The cost of replacing a missing or destroyed 9-1-1 road sign has increased due to the cost of all the materials used in making a sign. Pat asked the cost of replacement of a sign increase to \$150. Occasionally we are able to determine who the person is responsible for damaging the sign and are able to bill their insurance company.

On March 12-15th, 2007 Pat will be attending "9-1-1 Goes to Washington" meeting. Illinois NENA will pay his expenses and he will be leading a coalition of 9-1-1 Professionals from Illinois. They will meet with our respective legislators from Illinois to discuss 9-1-1 issues.

Steve Dixon and Brian Manwaring have been working on the previously discussed fiber optic project, which has finally moved forward. The fiber would allow Jackson County 911, Courthouse, Sheriff's Office and the City of Murphysboro to connect networks. Currently we use a wireless device, approximately 6 years old, which to replace would cost approximately \$5000. Jackson County 911 will invest \$3,000 toward the fiber infrastructure, which will also save us additional costs in the future replacement of recording equipment. It will also allow us more flexibility in the future with Next Generation 9-1-1.

Mike Bilderback asked what does this have to do with 911 calls. Pat said the Sheriff gives the City of Murphysboro LEADS and the City of Murphysboro has a link to our CAD system. Mike felt 911 was not meeting its responsibility to the fire service. He said it is in Part 725 to provide mapping in the trucks. Pat said three (3) PSAPs have a mapping application to assist responders.

Five Southern Illinois 9-1-1 System Coordinators met on February 7, 2007 to begin discussion on a shared, secure IP Network for public safety. Next Generation 9-1-1 will force current systems to an IP based infrastructure. This would provide backup, be less expense and help counties without 9-1-1.

Pat asked the Board to approve Jackson County 911 as the lead agency for Next Generation 9-1-1 in grant applications. Intergovernmental Agreements would identify how the grant money would be spent.

On February 15, 2007 Pat met with several NENA 9-1-1 Professionals in Springfield to discuss new legislation for wireless technology. The committee intends to address the sunset clause in the present legislation and extend it to 2013. Also, proposed legislation will attempt to raise the surcharge fee to \$1.50 per access line, of which 9-1-1 systems with Phase II would receive \$1.25 per access line.

INENA asked for a \$500 donation from every ETSB to help pay the lobbyist the additional \$10,000 fee if he is successful in raising the surcharge.

Pat is getting estimates to remove the wood chips around the building and replace them with stone.

Pat asked all agencies to support TERT. There are no costs.

Old Business – Jeff Bock asked what the status was regarding the Infrastructure Maintenance Fee and the City of Carbondale. John Clemons said the City of Carbondale said no to any requests.

New Business - Randy Mathis made a motion to increase the road sign replacement fee to \$150.00. Seconded by Jeff Bock. Motion carried.

Motion by Dottie Miles to authorize an expenditure of \$3000 for the fiber optic project contingent upon John Clemons' acceptable legal agreement. Seconded by Jim LeBeau. Motion carried with 1 abstention by Jeff Bock and 1 opposed vote by Mike Bilderback.

Todd Sigler questioned the use of Jackson County 911 as a lead for the New Generation 9-1-1 grants. The JCETSB asked that more information be obtained.

Motion to adjourn by Dottie Miles. Seconded by Jim LeBeau. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:17 p.m.